

Cutter Aids Crippled Ship

BORTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The coast guard cutter Diane drew alongside the leaking American freighter Pierre B. Dupont about 500 miles off Cape Race early today and began escorting her toward the Azores. Heavy seas cracked the ship's

port side to the waterline Tuesday and the breach extended 18 inches during the night. Capt. Eric K. Erikson reported to the coast guard that the craft, with 44 aboard, was "riding easily" and if she continued manageable she would make the Azores under her own power. Meanwhile, the British ship Clunepark, disabled Tuesday with a damaged rudder, was reported by the coast guard as proceeding under her own power toward Halifax harbor.

The coast guard said the American freighter John Fiske was standing by and the Clunepark, with about 50 aboard, apparently was "not in bad shape."

Col. O. E. Walsh, Portland district army engineer, said the bid, by San Francisco Bridge company and the Standard Dredging corporation, Los Angeles, had been approved following his recommendation last month. The engineers have \$450,000 available this year for the work which involves removal of rock and overburden to 30 feet below mean lower low water.

California Firms Win Channel Bids

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France Demanding Security Station

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Diplomatic circles said Wednesday France is demanding a security bridgehead east of the Rhine.

The subject, they said, will be high on the agenda of U. S., British and French talks on the future of Western Germany.

A foreign office spokesman said a tentative agenda for the conference, due to open around February 20, had been submitted to France by the United States and Great Britain.

The main aim of the American and British representatives will be to persuade France to merge her German occupation zone with those of the U. S. and Britain.

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