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LOCAL MEN TO BE HIRED

Local men will be hired as much as possible by the B & A Company of Fairbanks, awarded the approximately \$130,000 bid to restore the water system of Valdez.

The bid opening took place in Anchorage earlier in the week.

Jim Carroll of Yutan Construction Co., also of Fairbanks, joint-venturing on the job, was in Valdez Friday afternoon to make preliminary arrangements. The Corps of Army Engineer Contract had been awarded to the low bidder, B & A Company, the end of the week. Work is due to begin within a very few days, Carroll said.

Local men interested in working on this job may apply at 218 Hobart Street, beginning Wednesday, June 24th, Carroll said. B & A will have their own application forms here. Work should start soon after.

Paul Finfer of City Planning Associates will spend two weeks in Valdez. He arrives with his wife today from Anchorage.

FINAL PLANNING FOR VALDEZ READIED

Over-all planning from a funding, programming and procedure standpoint for both the present site of Valdez and the new Mineral Creek site - have now reached the final stage. One preliminary and one final conference were scheduled in Anchorage this week with representatives of all of the participating federal and state departments and agencies, according to John R. Nichols of the Office of Emergency Planning, Anchorage. Nichols, formerly with the Housing and Home Finance Agency, Anchorage, explained that the meetings were preliminary to a general public review of the plans in Valdez within the very near future.

Dwight A. Ink, executive director of the Alaska Reconstruction Commission, along with Wilmont L. Averill, executive officer of the same Anderson commission, and a number of federal and state agency officials, was in Valdez about three weeks ago to determine what problems might need expedition. Director Ink, with a bulging brief case of problems, left for Washington, D.C., with a promise to "return to Valdez with all of the answers." He particularly mentioned to the City Council, in special session, to "set up a public meeting" for his return visit.

"We'll all be back", was his parting promise. The "all" included all of the officials present at that meeting :- Vic Fischer, an assistant administrator of the HHFA, Wash., D.C.; Col. K.T. Sawyer and Col. J.H. Fitzgerald of the Corps of Army Engineers; John Alcantra, Anchorage Aid to Governor Egan; William Walker, director of Urban Renewal, Alaska State Housing Authority; Nichols, Ink and Averill.

(There is a possibility that Director Ink is returning to Alaska next week. Nichols felt.)

"E" DATE NEAR

The Real Estate Evaluators "E" date of June 22, is here Monday. Any repairs made prior to this date will be included in the evaluation - if they have been called to attention of evaluators at time of inspection.

Five or six more evaluators arrive today for the Blinkhorn team. Their Kodak team is joining the Valdez team for the final push.

The Harold Trott team is equally busy - working towards the completion date....by July 1.

THEY'RE HERE - - THOSE LOVABLE BRAS

Those much publicized Lovable brassieres - all 25 dozen of them plus foundation garments and garter belts - have finally reached Valdez. An Associated Press release from Fairbanks a month ago announced to the nation the Lovable gift to the women of Valdez. These famous Action bras were given space on national newscasts and feature spots in newspapers across the country. In Phoenix, they told it in verse. But where WERE these famous garments? Until this past week end, they certainly were not in Valdez.

A humorous mention of them in the Bugle last week brought a storm of inquiry through the city. No one had seen them. Many had heard of them. But the fact of the matter remained - those Lovable bras (p.2)

LOVABLE (From Page 1) simply were not to be found in Valdez.

Then, over the week end, they arrived - rescued by the Fairbanks Civil Defense. It is not known in what obscure corner of what building they may have been waiting in Fairbanks or even what concern had received them or how they went astray. But Assistant Civil Defense Director Jack Murphy had them firmly in tow when he reached Valdez on Sunday. The bras are now being distributed at the Hotel Valdez. Line up, Gals!

Meanwhile, when these famous Lovable garments could not be located in Valdez, the Bugle sent a letter of inquiry to the Lovable Company in Los Angeles, Calif. (The Re-Build Alaska wrote a letter offering to distribute them - if and when they were found!)

An official of the Lovable Company put through a long distance call to Mayor Bruce Woodford on Wednesday night. His Honor was able to report the safe arrival of the bras. He learned they had been mis-shipped in the shuffle.

With the bras came this note, Please accept these with our sincere wish that the unfortunate earthquake victims get back on their feet quickly."

On behalf of all of the women of Valdez, the Bugle thanks the Lovable Company for this useful yet highly flattering gift.

EMERGENCY HOUSING

The Office of Emergency Planning, Anchorage, is attempting to help solve what is expected to become a serious housing shortage in Valdez this winter. So far, John R. Nichols of OEP reports, the OEP has obtained the loan of five, three-bedroom expandable type mobile homes. These are being supplied by an Air Force Base in North Dakota and will be shipped to

OMNIBUS BILL PROGRESS REPORTED BY REP. RIVERS

Washington, June 18 -Special to the Valdez Bugle - From Office of Ralph J. Rivers:

"We are pleased to report that the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs today approved the Omnibus Bill requested by the Administration and introduced in the House by Rep. Ralph Rivers (D-Alaska) to provide augmented federal assistance for the reconstruction of areas damaged by the Good Friday earthquake and resultant seismic waves.

Although the Bill was designed to authorize more liberal assistance than is allowed by existing law, the committee proceedings led to introduction of five Amendments by Representative Rivers. The Rivers Amendments (to give greater flexibility and generosity than provided in the Bill as drafted) were opposed by the Bureau of the Budget through a letter placed on the desk of every member of the committee.

In the course of processing these amendments, all but one was approved by the Committee in whole or in part. The first amendment approved by the committee would increase the Federal Government's maximum share of the cost of Urban Renewal projects from seventy-five percent to ninety percent with a proportionate reduction of the cost to local governments in the disaster area. The amendment is general in its application and does not exclude Anchorage.

The second Rivers Amendment, as approved by the committee, refers to the purchase of State Bonds issued in connection with the Disaster, and provides that the Federal Government may purchase such bonds up to 25 million dollars worth at an interest rate of 3% instead of at an interest rate of three and three-fourths percent.

The next Rivers Amendment authorizes the Federal Government to purchase State Bonds which were scheduled for issuance before the quake up to an amount of seven million two hundred thousand dollars (\$7,200,000) needed to carry on the State's capital improvement program.

The last amendment offered by Rivers and approved by the Committee would authorize the Federal National Mortgage Association to repurchase any home mortgage insured by FHA and secured by property in Alaska destroyed or severely damaged in the quake or resulting seismic waves. The Amendment also authorizes the use of not to exceed 10 million dollars in Federal National Mortgage Association Special Assistance Funds for such repurchases.

In commenting upon his gratification at the action taken, Rivers expressed his appreciation of the fine cooperation of Chairman Wayne Aspinall and all his colleagues on the committee, and said, "I sincerely hope that the gains made for Alaskans through my amendments will be sustained on the Floor of the House and by the Senate."

Action by the full House of Representatives is expected in about a week.

CAPTAIN TOM BAKER of the Yukon Aviation Bn., Fort Wainwright, returned to Valdez June 1, for a second glimpse of the spectacular mountain and waterfront scenery. His first "look" happened on Saturday morning after the Good Friday Earthquake. Captain Baker was among the first helicopter pilots to land in Valdez after the earthquake disaster. He was so impressed with the scenery that could not be marred by the earthquake devastation, that he decided to return. This time, he was on vacation and with him were his wife, Bobbie, and their three year old daughter, Bess.

Captain Baker, "first" after the earthquake, was also "first" to register as guests at the Valdez via rail and boat. Valdez Army Recreation The City of Valdez will be Area summer camp here. in charge of the trailers
