

FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT FAILS TO GET APPROVAL

\$3,150,000 Expenditure On
Skagit River Is Frowned
Upon

2. OTHER PROJECTS OUT

Army Engineer Makes Report
Before House Committee In
National Capital

Three Skagit county projects, calling for an estimated expenditure of \$3,274,000, may be stricken from the 1941-42 program of the U. S. government, it was revealed in Washington, D. C., late yesterday afternoon when Major General Julian L. Schley, chief of the army engineers, made a report to the house appropriations committee during hearings on the war department civil functions bills.

Largest of the three was a \$3,150,000 flood control project for the Skagit river which project was not expected to be started "because of lack of budget allocations during 1942," the government report stated.

Schley stated that there are a number of river and harbor projects on which there was a substantial delay in fulfillment of conditions of local co-operation and those whose prosecution was not now justified by the interest of navigation and commerce. Included in this group was another project on the Skagit river calling for an expenditure of \$115,000 and a third project for improvement of the Anacortes Harbor with an appropriation of \$9,000.

The army engineer in his report yesterday afternoon stated that \$7,170,000 was needed for continuation of work on the Bonneville hydro-electric project in Washington and Oregon and \$3,830,000 for completion of installation of ten generators there.

Vast expenditures to complete rivers and harbors projects already under way in Washington included funds for the Columbia river, the Snake river and Neah Bay.