

ENGINEERS TO RULE SOON ON RIVER SURVEY

WALLGREN SAYS ARMY ENGINEERS WILL DECIDE WITHIN TEN DAYS ON WHETHER TO SURVEY LOWER SKAGIT

WASHINGTON, May 24.—(Special)—Decision on the necessity for a detailed survey of the Skagit river, including the north and south forks, for navigation and flood control will be made by the board of rivers and harbors engineers in the next 10 days, Congressman Mon C. Wallgren has been informed by officials of that board.

Congressman Wallgren has been urging action upon either his bill for a survey of the north and south forks or upon the report of the district and division engineers since his conference with General Pillsbury, chief of engineers, when Clyde F. Shrauger of Mount Vernon was in Washington.

If action is taken under the report of the local engineers, it will be the result of the inclusion of an authorization to conduct a preliminary survey of the Skagit which Congressman Wallgren succeeded in having placed in the flood control act of 1936. The report of the local engineers recommends a detailed survey of the Skagit.

Such a survey, Wallgren has been assured, would consider the necessity of dredging the north and south forks. A letter sent to Wallgren by the chief of engineers stated:

"The division engineer, north Pacific division, has now submitted a report on preliminary examination, recommending the undertaking of a detailed survey. This report has been referred to the board of engineers for rivers and harbors for review so that the advisability of the detailed survey made be determined. If this survey is authorized consideration will be given therein to the need for providing improved outlets."

Wallgren said that he would move for the immediate release of funds for the survey upon favorable action by the board of Engineers and the chief of engineer in order that the necessary work on the Skagit "might not be delayed further."

U. S. Senator Homer T. Bone, who filed a senate companion bill to the one filed by Congressman Wallgren in the national house, asking for a survey of the lower Skagit, revealed that his bill is unnecessary since the war department declared it already had the power necessary to make the survey under the flood control act of 1936. Since the department already has this power, Senator Bone said he has joined Wallgren in urging