

Colonel ANDERSON. The primary user will be the McLouth Steel Co. until the channel is extended further, which is a reasonable expectation. They intend to build an integrated steel plant there, the shipments for which are expected to be about 10 million tons of ore and limestone a year.

Mr. HARSHA. Is anyone else using it now?

Colonel ANDERSON. At the present the McLouth Steel Co. uses the channel as marked in black as far down as their present plant at Trenton, and the Detroit Edison Co. uses a shallower channel of 21 feet extending farther down for hauling coal to their plant. It is expected that the city of Gibraltar and Wayne County Economic Development Commission will encourage additional industrial development further on down the channel if this project goes in. In fact, the available lands, are already zoned for industrial use.

Mr. HARSHA. I notice this is practically all Federal cost. Is this the usual formula on navigation?

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, sir; for commercial navigation.

Mr. GRAY. We will pass on then, Colonel, from the Detroit River to the Buffalo Harbor, N.Y.

DRIFT REMOVAL, BUFFALO HARBOR, N.Y.

Colonel ANDERSON. Mr. Chairman, this report considers the advisability of establishing a separate project for the collection, removal, and disposal of drift in the harbors and tributary waters extending from Buffalo Harbor to the downstream limit of the Federal project in Niagara River in response to a resolution of the House Public Works Committee of August 1961. Floating drift is a distinct menace to small boats, especially at night and during fog. The Chief of Engineers recommended the adoption of a project for the collection, removal, and disposal of drift in the areas of the Federal projects for Buffalo Harbor and submitted his report to the Secretary of the Army. His report was returned and is being revised to include costs of incineration. The State of New York and the Federal agencies favored the project as originally proposed by the Chief of Engineers.

The BOB and the Office of the Secretary of the Army are of the opinion that general legislation should be proposed to the Congress for the removal of debris in harbors along with a proposal to include local participation. The Secretary of the Army requested the Chief of Engineers to draft such legislation and the legislation is now with the Bureau of the Budget for review. It is hoped that the proposed legislation will be cleared by the Bureau of the Budget in time for its inclusion in this year's omnibus bill.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my statement.

Mr. GRAY. So you are proposing that we not act on this project as an individual project, but have an umbrella to cover all such drift removal, is that it?

Colonel ANDERSON. That is the proposal of the Secretary of the Army.

Mr. GRAY. But the Chief did make a specific recommendation on this project to the Secretary, and the Secretary is sitting on it, as to speak, and so the Bureau of the Budget, they have not submitted anything—