

In addition, the receipt of petroleum products increased 91,667 tons in 1945 to 947,000 tons in 1964. And my information is that at the end of this year the petroleum products flow will be 1,200,000 tons, when facilities under construction are completed. This is far beyond even the projection of the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. BLATNIK. Would you stop just a minute there, Mr. Corrado, to clarify the statement made, I believe earlier, that this would be a single-user project. The project would benefit primarily a single user. You talk of the tonnages of domestic and foreign petroleum commerce. Are those several companies involved? Can you give us a better description, on whose oil this is, and who is the consumer, who is the producer?

Mr. CORRADO. Many of the large oil companies—seven, in fact, and several more will probably be added because contracts are being discussed—but at present seven of the large oil companies carry their products into the harbor, and Consolidated Petroleum and Long Island Lighting Co., which are local companies, are companies which receive this oil. And then it is distributed by the distributors throughout the area of Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

So I do not think really it is accurate to say that just one company would benefit or that it is really a single-user operation.

Mr. WEINKAUFF. Mr. Chairman, may I make one comment? This single-user problem came up during the course of the report. The Corps of Engineers did not consider it single user, and the Bureau of the Budget gave it a clean bill of health and did not raise the question of a single user here. I bring that to your attention.

Mr. BLATNIK. That is a good explanation. We have a good description of the project, good reasons for urging adoption, approval of this project, Mr. Corrado. So if there are no other comments—any questions from the committee?

Mr. Harsha?

Mr. HARSHA. Mr. Corrado, despite the fact that you have a good benefit-cost ratio, you have got a good right arm there with Mr. Weinkauff. I am sure that you cannot obtain better advice on your problems than Henry can give you.

I did want to ask you a couple questions. You are widening this channel 350 feet and deepening it to 40 feet. Does this provide for these extra-large tankers? Will they be able to go in and out of there?

Mr. CORRADO. Forty-foot depth, Mr. Harsha, will provide for up to 60,000-ton tankers. I do not believe the draft will allow for a larger draft tanker than that.

Mr. HARSHA. One other comment. That is that the Secretary of the Army states that non-Federal entities may be interested in developing alternative facilities for the transportation of petroleum in the area. And accordingly, it was suggested that if the project is authorized that the corps review this matter during the present construction planning. Now, do you know what they are talking about when they refer to alternative facilities, what they have in mind?

Mr. WEINKAUFF. Mr. Harsha, this report has been in progress now for some 4 to 6 years; and at one time there was a company 23 miles to the east who were interested in developing a pipeline, but at the present time they are definitely not interested in this alternative. It will not be constructed.