

Budget Increase Requested for Alaskan Work

An increase in the 1968 appropriations for the Corps of Engineers budget in Alaska will be requested early next month subcommittee handling river and harbor and flood control appropriations.

Senator Bartlett, in behalf of himself and Senator Gruening, will urge that the budget for Alaska be increased from \$2,639,000 to \$3,974,000.

Much of the difference of \$1,335,000 would go for increased construction funds for the Snettisham hydroelectric project increasing that budget from \$1,704,000 to \$2,840,000.

Also sought are funds to initiate navigation surveys at Angoon, Douglas, Haines, Knudson Cove, Ouzinkie, Port Lions, Seldovia, Shaktoolik, St. Paul, Tatitlek, and Tenakee Inlet and Port Frederick.

Other projects are a combined navigation-flood control survey at Kotzebue, flood control surveys at McGrath and Unalakleet, and a beach erosion survey at Karluk.

The final sum to be requested is \$50,000 for a new look at the hydroelectric project at Bradley Lake on the Kenai Peninsula, which was authorized in 1962. The Interior Department has raised questions on the economic feasibility of the project.