



SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—Now enroute to Southeastern Alaska, the first barge to sail in Alaska Steamship Company's scheduled service is seen at Pier 46 being loaded by one of the Port of Seattle's huge 50-ton

capacity cranes. She carried 111 containers plus a variety of cargo-handling equipment.

—Alaska Steamship Co. Photo

## Huge Barge Carries 108 Vans

SEATTLE—The first barge in Alaska Steamship Company's scheduled service sailed to Southeastern Alaska last week with a capacity load of containers for Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Juneau and Sitka.

This is the first sailing in the Alaska Line's new Southeastern container program which, R. C. Rose, vice president—traffic, points out, increases its container carrying capability by 75 percent.

The replacement of the motorship Tatalina by barge service has made this possible.

Last week's sailing carried

108 vans and three platforms plus a variety of cargo-handling equipment to be used in the expanded container operation.

The barge will call direct at Ketchikan, Juneau and Sitka, with Wrangell and Petersburg containers moving beyond Ketchikan on Alaska State ferries.

More than a quarter of a million dollars is being invested in truck tractor, trailer and other equipment and facilities to develop this expanded container operation, which provides for weekly sailings—a barge one week and the SS Fortuna, the next.

Van terminal facilities are being developed at both Petersburg and Sitka to accommodate the expanded container operation.

In addition to this weekly service, Alaska Line provides weekly vanship service to the Anchorage—Fairbanks region and service every other week to Kodiak and Adak and is traffic and sales representative for the Alaska Trainship Corporation trainship Alaska's weekly service to the Alaska Railbelt—the only rail car carrier in the trade which transports cars under deck in weather- and sea-proof compartments.