

Editorial—

Better to Be Ready

We don't like to be alarmists but the huge snowfall this year has gotten us a little worried. Up to now, the weatherman tells us, there is over 110 inches of snow in Fairbanks and if this were to melt there would be over six inches of water on the ground hereabouts. If it were to melt in a short time in an unseasonable warm weather say in May, it could mean trouble for Fairbanks. It is also very possible that we will get quite a few more inches of snow between now and the end of April.

The great amount of moisture in the form of snow in Fairbanks and around it will have to go some place. It could be that Mother Nature will be conducting it in a smooth even runoff and then she might not. This is where caution should enter. Our city fathers had better think about it. They have around 50,000 souls to worry about in the immediate area. This means planning. Civil Defense should perhaps begin to prepare to mobilize in the not too distant future.

While we're at it, we might even ask the proper federal and state agencies to start to check for flood potentials so the public will be notified of any danger in plenty of time.

It is better to be ready than to be caught short in times of emergency.