

Here's The Trouble With Anchorage Says Winner Of 'What's Wrong' Race

V.F.W. Plans Trip To Post Hospital

Under the direction of Senior Vice-Commander Donald F. Smith, Denali Post 1685, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Anchorage, will present a program at the auditorium of hospital number 1 at Ft. Richardson next Monday evening.

disputes that arise between nations ought to be settled in accordance with the right of justice and not by power alone."

The senator added, "To achieve these ends, to provide machinery for a peaceful settlement of future international disputes, I believe that the president is ready, if necessary, to sacrifice his political life."

Transportation Depot, Better Grading, Drainage System And Library Given As Among Needs

By MRS. JOHN BIRKELAND
Contest Winner

(Note: The following letter won the Chamber of Commerce contest on "What's Wrong With Anchorage?" Her letter was adjudged the best of 32 entries and she was awarded a \$50 War Bond as the prize.)

What's Wrong With Anchorage? I. STREETS

- a. Improper or inadequate grading and drainage.
- b. No flushing away of debris and dirty snow on "thawing days."
- c. Tardy removal of snow from sidewalks.
- d. Broken sidewalks, below grade sidewalks, no sidewalks.
- e. Need for hard surface for Fourth and Fifth Avenues to the city limits.
- f. Poor or insufficient street light throughout the city.
- g. Parking of dead or storage cars on various downtown streets during the winter months, causing congestion, catching debris, drifting snow and interfering with street work.
- h. Lack of street markers, confusion in names as East Fifth, East B, H. and H. Place; insertion of name streets between numerals such as Anderson Avenue. (Suggested solution: Use numerals only in one direction, letters of alphabet in the other direction but not repeating as East B—rather repeat letter names: Adams, Berry, Cuddy, Davis, etc.).

II. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- a. Library: Should be open 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day, including Sunday. Should be housed separately under direction of library board.
- b. Community Building: Needed to accommodate a small or large group with kitchen accommodations for rent for civic groups, churches, schools, etc.

III. TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

- a. Taxi stands and bus lines: Too many problems concerning the location of stands. Too many hit-and-miss drivers, and to what places. (Suggested solution: Erect on Fifth Avenue city property between E and F streets, a suitable structure for terminal transportation depot for all city or out-of-town bus lines. All loading and unloading to be on a paved runway at the rear of the building entrances. The front on Fifth to be kept clear of all bus or cab lines. Also, applications for cab or taxi stands accepted, owners and drivers investigated, bonded, assigned parking space and rented office space. No other

cabs would be permitted in city. Bus lines would follow same procedure and offices rented to them. Airlines could rent office space, railroad could have up-town one-man information office for freight calls, convenience of patrons. Inlet dock and pier facilities (post-war) could have a waterfront representative office as could also the steamship lines.)

The building would also take care of the problem of a ladies' rest room needed for visitors, shoppers, mothers and children, downtown workers—a respectable place under supervision where neighbor could meet neighbor and wait transportation.

A city warehouse could be a part of the building with administrative offices on the second floor, as time might demand. Paved entrance to the rear, from the east and west alley opening.

IV. LACK OF CIVIC PRIDE

- a. Gambling, liquor, prostitution, corruption. Lack of adequate laws, enforcement bodies and too much indifference encourages wrong class of people to establish themselves rather than the more desirable home-lovers who seek to rear families in communities stressing culture, clean morals, education and civic welfare.

- b. No committee for advising or assisting newcomers and would-be home-owners with home building. Committee needed for free information to encourage building of more finished type of house, rather than shacks or ill-planned houses; estimates furnished, suggestions for location of buildings on lots to put lot to best use in years to come and best locations for water line and light hook-up.

- c. Lack of civic welfare committee for handling specific delinquency cases, vagrancy, problems of home-life; Filipino and Indian affairs with recommendations for betterment of individuals and civic welfare.

- d. Failure to envision city as a whole; permitting or encouraging the development of one part of the city to the disadvantage or discouragement of another section. Permitting something undesirable in one section but forbidden in another. Forgetting the city is a body of the whole

Thunderbolts Trap Column Of Nazis, Kill 200

A U.S. FIGHTER BASE, England. —(AP)— Two Thunderbolt pilots trapped a German column on a road south of Bayeux today with well placed bombs and estimated they killed about 200 of the Nazis in strafing attacks.

The pilots were Lts. E. W. Sanders, Houston, Tex., and Maurice Martin, Blue Field, W. Va.

They dropped two 500-pound bombs in front of the column and then two in the rear, trapping the soldiers between the big craters.

"They tried to run for it but couldn't get out," said Sanders. "We flew up and down over them, strafing with our machine guns. Very few got out alive."

Germans Predict Belgian Invasion

LONDON (AP)—German broadcasts predicted today that the Allies would invade Belgium soon "between Dunkerque and Ostend," and said that airborne reinforcements on the invasion front were helping to pack an Allied punch in an increasingly bitter battle of Normandy.

and not of one group or individual.

This letter, submitted at your request, is not fault-finding but is in the true spirit of cooperation by one happy homeowner, permanently established in Anchorage.

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NAZIS' CAPTIVES TO PARIS

LONDON—Guenther Boehme, German war correspondent in France, was quoted by the Berlin radio tonight as saying that the first batch of several thousand Anglo-American prisoners taken on the Normandy beach-heads will "be made to march through Paris."

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