HANSON REPORTS
EMERGENCY 'OUT'
ON NEW CHANNEL

Other Aspects
Encouraging To
Committee Of 8

Earl Hanson, chairman of an
eight-man delegation from this
county seeking aid for dredging
a new channel at the mouth of
the North Fork on the Skagit
river, called The Argus today at
1:30 to report that their meeting
with Colonel Norman A. Mathius
in Seattle this morning was dis-
appointing in one respect but en-
couraging in another.

Hanson said that Col. Mathius
told the committee that the mat-
ter could not be handled as an
emergency measure but must get
necessary and direct appropri-
ation from Congress for the sur-
vey and, if approved, money for
the actual work of forming the
channel to salt water.

"We were hoping for emer-
gency status, which couldn't hap-
pen, but were given hope that
we are working in the right di-
rection," said Hanson. He said
that not all their work is in vain
as a profile map of 1937, to be
compared with one of 1955, was
in the hands of the people who
make the decisions.

Hanson said that his commit-
tee was received favorably and
with the finest courtesy and that
the meeting appeared important
enough for KOMO TV to record
its procedure with probability
that it will be on the regular pro-
gram tonight.

The committee was forced as
a result of an emergency meet-
ing of the flood control board
council on Dec. 18. The project
favored would be cutting a chan-
nel from Valentine's Bend west
to salt water.

Members attending the Seattle
meeting were Chairman Hanson,
County Commissioner Lowell
Hughes, Noble Lee, Leo Beckley,
Jim Dunlap, Dan Sundquist and
Charles Christenson.