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Wallgren Urges Starting of Skagit River Flood Project

Congressman Mon Wallgren, who was instrumental in getting the Skagit river flood control appropriations, hopes that arrangements can be made with the WPA to continue the work under the new \$420,000 appropriation. When asked for his co-operation, he made the following statement:

A number of people have written me recently urging an immediate start of the new \$418,000 flood control project on the Skagit river. While I have informed these people that continuation of the project depends upon the ability of the county to maintain the revetment work when it is completed, I do hope that the WPA is making every effort to reach an agreement with the Skagit county officials.

A three-fold benefit is to be gained from the completion of this

program. Bank protection through revetments means a direct saving of farm land on the upper river. It means a reduction of silting in the lower river with resultant savings to drainage and diking districts. Thirdly, reduction of silting will make our request for federal dredging of the lower river for navigation attainable.

Such a combination means a saving to the farmer no matter where his land is located along the river. It would help the whole of Skagit county and I hope arrangements can be made soon for the start of the new project.

The completion of this \$418,217 additional project would continue bank protection work in which the federal government has an investment of \$236,908. Both county and

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state have smaller investments; the county \$29,455 in money and equipment credit, the state, \$2,936.

Agreements must be made to protect these investments before additional money is expended but I hope the federal agencies involved will miss no opportunity to see that proper arrangements are made.