

## U. S. ENGINEERS RECOMMEND NEW RIVER CUT OFF

Proposal Calls For Canal  
From Avon Westward To  
Padilla Bay

### REQUEST RESERVOIR

Dam In Upper Skagit Country  
Advised By Federal Govern-  
ment for Flood Control

A \$4,740,000 canal leading from Avon westward into Padilla bay, augmented by power reservoirs in the upper Skagit country, has been named as the most feasible method of flood control for the Skagit river and its tributaries.

The recommendation was made by Thomas M. Robins, colonel of the United States army corps of engineers in a news release received by the Argus late last week.

The construction of the channel westward from Avon was recommended as essential and it should be started at once. The engineer felt that the storage reservoirs in the upper Skagit regions were unwarranted at the present time.

In making his report, Col Robins stated the following to the Argus:

"This report finds that the best plan for flood control on the Skagit river is to construct a by-pass, leading from the river near Avon into Padilla bay, and to provide storage in connection with proposed power developments on the Skagit river system at the Ruby, Cascade, lower Sauk, and Baker lake dam sites.

"Provision of storage cannot be undertaken at this time because the proposed power developments are not now warranted, but the by-pass should be built as soon as practicable because this work alone will afford much needed protection.

"It is believed that the United States would be justified in undertaking construction of the Avon by-pass at an estimated first cost of \$4,740,000, subject to the provision that the state and/or local interests shall furnish the necessary rights of way, contribute one-half of the first cost of the work, and assume the entire cost of maintenance."

Robins advised that people of Skagit County who disagree with the above conclusions may appeal to the board of engineers for rivers and harbors, a permanent body sitting at Washington, D. C. Appeals may be made in writing or orally and should be made within the next three weeks. If an appeal should necessitate more than three weeks preparation, the board should be informed of this fact immediately and a request made for an extension of the limiting date for submitting further information.