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## U. S. Engineers to Advise During Floods

The U.S. Engineer Corps has assigned Frank B. Metzger and two aide to come to Skagit county in event of a flood and give advisory, or more direct, assistance, Metzger told the Skagit Flood Control council at its meeting in the Mount Vernon city hall this afternoon.

Because this county is more self-reliant in time of flood emergency, with its county and dike district personnel and staffs, the army engineers sent

here will sit in only in an advisory capacity unless and until the flood situation becomes so critical that local authorities formally ask them to take charge, Metzger said.

Gregory Hastings, flood engineer for the state department of conservation and development, discussed his 1961-62 budget request plans and asked the diking districts to outline flood control work they hope to accomplish in the coming biennium.

A resolution asking for federal assistance for flood control as well as navigation improvement work on the river was considered.

Don Bordner presided as council president and Lloyd H. Johnson as secretary-treasurer sat in and also represented the county, as county flood control engineer, under County Engineer Frank Gilkey, who also attended.