

DIKE REPAIRS BEING RUSHED TO COMPLETION

**NIGHT AND DAY SHIFTS KEPT
ON JOB TO MAKE DIKES SAFE
IF COUNTY EXPERIENCES
CHINOOK**

With large crews of laborers working night and day, the danger of additional flood damage, should the Skagit river rise suddenly again, is fast being minimized, Claude O. Davis, contractor in charge of repairing two dikes, told the Daily Herald today. Mr. Davis holds the contracts for the replacement of the dike west of Conway, and the dike south of Burlington, which collapsed during the recent freshet flooding thousands of acres of farm land.

Twenty men, working on ten hour shifts, have placed the Burlington dike beyond the danger mark. It would require a 12-foot freshet to wash out the new dike, Mr. Davis declared today.

The hole in the dike west of Conway will be closed tomorrow, halting the flow of water for the first time since the freshet. More than 50 men have been working 10-hour shifts on this job. This dike will be safe from high waters within forty-eight hours, Mr. Davis declared.

"I have kept night and day shifts on the job so that we would be absolutely safe from additional high water, should the winds of the last few days turn to a Chinook," the contractor said. "The danger is now past, which will be good news to the farmers," he added.

All local labor is being employed on the two dike repair jobs and as many men as possible were given work, the contractor said. No additional men will be needed, he added.

The repairs to the Burlington dike will be completed in ten days or two weeks, while the Conway job will require three or four more weeks. A portion of the men at work on the Conway job are being hired by the county to repair the road which was washed out.

A radio broadcast from San Francisco yesterday told of the work being done on the dikes and praise was given the contractor for hiring as many laborers as possible.