

ARMY ENGINEERS OKAY CLIFF EROSION SURVEY

Joint Study To Start In Near Future

Approval to proceed with the long-planned and often postponed erosion study of the Santa Cruz shoreline has been obtained from the federal engineer's office in Washington.

Senator William F. Knowland of California today informed Auditorium Manager H. Ray Judah, who handled the matter during his terms as state senator and is continuing the work on behalf of the city, that instructions to proceed with the study are being issued in Washington, and that work will be completed at the earliest practicable date.

Brigadier General C. H. Chorpening, assistant chief engineer for civil work, wrote Knowland to this effect. A copy of the letter was forwarded to Judah.

"In response to a request for latest available information concerning this matter," the letter stated, "the district engineer at San Francisco and the division engineer, South Pacific division, advise me the recent rate of erosion at Santa Cruz has been considerably greater than the average rate of one foot annually. They state erosion has progressed to the extent that damage has been done to city streets and public and private property. Addition extensive damage is imminent unless corrective action is taken promptly.

"They recommend the approved co-operative beach erosion control study be re-activated.

"In view of the information now available, this office concurs in the recommendations of the field offices. I am pleased to advise you that instructions to proceed with Santa Cruz study are being issued to the division engineer. You may be assured that work thereon will be completed at the earliest practicable date."

The erosion study had been planned prior to the outbreak of Korean hostilities, when the attention of army engineers was directed to work tasks. The study is to be carried out on a share-the-cost basis, with the federal government carrying one-half, the state one-quarter, and the city and county sharing the remaining quarter. Total cost was estimated at \$34,000, with \$6500 to be paid by the county, \$2000 by the city, \$8500 by the state, and \$17,000 by the federal government.