

ARMY PROPOSES NEW ANCHORAGES

Would Provide a Shorter but
Wider and Deeper Area in
Hudson for the Navy

SEEKS TO ELIMINATE 16, 17

Would Designate Southern
Portion of 18 as New 16 and
Create 3 New Grounds

A public hearing to consider modification of the existing anchorage areas in the Hudson River on the New York and New Jersey sides and for provision of a naval anchorage area, forty feet deep at lowest low water and 2,100 feet wide, to extend from West Seventy-second Street to the George Washington Bridge, was held yesterday in the Federal Office Building, 90 Church Street, by the Army Engineers Office. Lieut. Col. L. S. Dillon, district engineer, presided.

The War Department proposed to eliminate Federal Anchorages 16 and 17, which run on the western side of the river from opposite Twenty-third Street north to Edgewater, N. J., and that portion of Anchorage 18 south of the crossover reach of the Weehawken-Edgewater Channel. The remaining portion of that anchorage, south of the George Washington Bridge, would be designated as New Anchorage Number 16.

The other proposed anchorages would be a new Number 17, to run in the westerly part of the river from the George Washington Bridge to Yonkers; Number 18-A, from Spuyten Duyvil to Yonkers on the east side for small craft, and 18-B, also on the east side, to run from the bridge to Dyckman Street, which is the northerly portion of the existing naval anchorage and which will have its western limits moved inshore. It may be used for small craft when not used by the Navy.

The present Navy anchorage extends from Seventy-second to Dyckman Street and is narrower and shallower than the proposed area. If the proposed anchorage proves insufficient, the captain of the port may permit the Navy to occupy the other anchorages.

The New Jersey Shad Fishermen's Association, which had a representative at the hearing, was informed that no restrictions would be placed on its rights to fish in the river.

Towboat companies and owners of barges used to transport materials objected to the proposed removal of stakeboats at Seventy-third Street and Spuyten Duyvil, but Colonel Dillon said those objections would be discussed later.