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Simultaneous announcements were made today in Ottawa and Washington of the satisfactory conclusion of negotiations which have been under way for the past year by the Canadian and United States Governments of plans for the construction by the United States Army Corps of Engineers of an 8-inch petroleum products pipeline from Haines, near Skagway, in Alaska, through northwestern British Columbia and Yukon Territory to Fairbanks, Alaska.

The pipeline will play an important part in meeting the military requirements for an assured supply of petroleum products for forces based in Alaska. In addition to meeting the United States military needs the pipeline will also be available to fill Canadian military requirements in the Northwest. When the line is not required for military purposes civilian needs will be satisfied. The total cost of the project is estimated at about \$40 million of which about \$12 million will be spent on the Canadian section.

The pipeline will follow the route of the "Haines Cut-Off"--the military road which runs from Haines to Haines Junction, a point on the Alaska Highway. From there it will follow the Alaska Highway to Fairbanks. The length of the pipeline in Canadian territory is 284 miles.

Arrangements for the right-of-way for the Canadian section of the pipeline are being made by the Canadian Government. Title to the right-of-way will remain with the Province of British Columbia and with Canada. The British Columbia Government is co-operating in the project by making available the Provincial Crown lands involved. It is contemplated that the United States will be given an easement for the right-of-way for a minimum of 20 years, after which the arrangement may be reviewed by either country if desired.