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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A World Maritime University training 143 merchant seamen at a time at an annual cost of \$25,000 a student is expected to begin operation in Malmo, Sweden, in 1984, the UN Development Program said the other day.

UNDP administrator Bradford Morse, in an 18-page report to the program's governing council, said that the university, discussed in the council last May, would come into being next

July 1 in what was once the Merchant Marine Academy.

Morse said the training of students from developing countries to start the following year would be financed by a million dollars a year pledged by Sweden and another million from the developing countries involved, either in direct contributions or in drawings against UNDP funds earmarked for aid to those countries.

The Maritime University is to be estab-

lished by the International Maritime Organization, a UN-affiliated specialized agency with headquarters in London.

The Malmo municipality has given IMO a free lease on the premises for the university for as long as they are needed and agreed to rent students and teachers flats for \$60 a month in a building called Henrik Smiths House.

Sweden has promised them unimpeded entry and exempted university officials from income taxes.