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A remarkable increase was recorded on the UNDP to increase its financial support to the university which conforms with its policy of priority for training needs in the developing world. With international support the university work can continue and be expanded, Mr Srivastava said.

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Ethiopia has increased movement of food from the ports to regional warehouses to 3,000 tonnes a day, up from 1,500 to 2,000 tonnes, but he said the government could move 4,000 tonnes.

He said a government fleet of up to 6,000 trucks was in disrepair, but many were being used for military purposes, for resettling people, and for carrying cotton and other supplies.

Customs link

BRITAIN and Sweden are to increase co-operation over Customs controls.

Both countries have signed a memorandum of understanding to provide for mutual assistance in the application of Customs law.

It puts on a more formal footing the long-standing co-operation between the two services and will enable the Swedish Customs to make use in court of information from the UK.

Ways of fostering practical co-operation between the two services have been discussed and Sweden is planning to send a Customs officer to the British investigation division to act as a liaison officer.

Canal cargo up

ALTHOUGH the number of vessels using the Kiel Canal dropped in April to 4,137, compared with 4,297 in April 1984, total gross tonnage and cargo volume reached record heights. The 7.9 million tonnes of shipping was the second best April result in the canal's history and reached 5.4m tons of cargo marked the best ever April result, the canal authority said.

Remarkable increases were recorded for grain with a rise of 32% to 395,180 tonnes, iron and steel with 19.7% totalling 512,671 tonnes, while coal tonnages fell in the UK.

Regional distribution of World Maritime University students in the first three years

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Today the party visits the Baltic Exchange and the shipping firm of Clarkson's. Tomorrow, the tour includes Lloyd's Register of Shipping and ends on Friday at the International Maritime Organisation. The students return to Malmo on Saturday.

Professor Pierre Houssin, who is leading the visit, said yesterday the university's first graduation ceremony would be held on July 9.

The university currently has 220 students representing 74 countries. The two-year course trains students as government administrationists, surveyors, professors and technical managers of shipping companies.

"We are very happy with the rate of progress," said Prof Houssin. "They are very motivated students who work extremely hard and will be a credit to the maritime industry."

So far in its short history, the university has had an annual intake of about 80 to 90 students, some of whom opt for one-year courses. Some of the present students are already qualified as master mariners and chief engineers. One is a naval architect and others are mechanical engineers.

Prof Houssin said the university would play an increasingly important role in terms of improving safety at sea and environmental protection and the quality of management in the shipping industry in developing countries.

Nippon Kanok's cruise ship to be unveiled

By David Mott

NIPON Kanok's new cruise ship design is for a vessel of 85,000 tons gross, accommodating 2,000 passengers in cabins located in two longitudinal wings along both sides of the ship.

The design, to be unveiled at the Cruise 85 conference in London next week, has been worked out by the Japanese shipyard in conjunction with Norwegian interests including Mr Njai Eide, who was responsible for the interior of P&O's new Royal Princess.

Another revolutionary feature is a wide beam twin skeg hull form at the aft which it is claimed will improve operational efficiency and provide an inlet between the skeg area for recreational use.

The design - part of a complete package including finance - is the Japanese shipbuilding industry's most aggressive move yet in its bid to capture a slice of the European-dominated cruise shipbuilding market.

Gulf faks gas deals signed

A GROUP of seven European gas companies officially signed contracts yesterday with three Norwegian firms for delivery of natural gas from Norway's Gullfaks field in the North Sea, Rhuegas AG announced.

Ruhrgas currently supplies natural gas for about two-thirds of the West German market. The firm said contracts signed by the West German participants called for annual delivery of about billions of cubic metres from the Gullfaks, Statfjord and Heimdal fields to West Germany's North record heights. The 7.9 million tons of shipping was the second best April result in the company's history

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Aircraft project

THE Indonesian government has asked Japan to take charge of an international project to develop a commercial aircraft able to take off from and land on water, a Foreign Ministry official said in Tokyo yesterday.

The official, who declined to be named, said Japan was still considering the flying boat project, which will be discussed at the Japan-Indonesian annual technical co-operation meeting in mid-July in Jakarta.

Power plants plan

CHINESE representatives have signed a preliminary agreement to purchase four nuclear power plants from a West German consortium led by Kraftwerk Union AG (KWU), a unit of Siemens AG.

Gas price talks

Gaz de France (GDF) plans to seek a price cut when its natural gas contract with Algeria comes due for renegotiation next year.

Following recent cuts in the price of the gas it buys under contracts with the Soviet Union and the Netherlands, GDF finds it "only logical" that it should seek a lower price on its Algerian contract as well, officials said.

GDF obtained a 7% reduction of the price of its Soviet gas purchases last week following an 8% cut on the Dutch contract. The price of its Algerian gas imports, which is linked to oil prices, has fallen only 3% in recent months.

Elf discovery

ELF-Aquitaine SA, one of France's state-controlled petroleum companies, said it had discovered oil at its Vert-la-Gravelle exploratory well east of Paris.

Preliminary tests of the well, which is part of Elf's Sezanne permit, indicate an average daily flow of 107 cubic metres of oil at a depth of 205 metres, the company said.

The new find is near Elf's Soudren field, which produces 36,000 tonnes of oil a year.

Well proposal

SHELL Oil Co, a Royal Dutch Shell Group subsidiary, said its Shell Western E&P Inc unit had proposed a $41 million stratigraphic test well off the west coast of Alaska.

From Edelgard Simon, Hamb LEADING European supr vessel operator Offshore Supp Association has struck a pioneering deal with Union Oil Thailand.

The West German company undertaking to provide tanker maintenance services on a coast development for at least months.

The contract provides not for the use of OSA's newly-converted maintenance vessel Winzertor but also for the W German company to act as overall maintenance contractor.

OSA's Union Oil project providing work for 23 Thais. The just a handful of West German in charge of operations on Winzertor.

The contract is for 12 more initially, with two options to extend for a further one year.

Extensive conversion work pared the former pipe carrier converted for her new tasks.

modification included fitting vessel with a new main deck cover her former cargo hold create space for additional accommodation, including 12 cab mess and sanitary facilities, workshops and a store.

A major addition was the tonne crane mounted on a column at the stern. It has a hydraulic scopic gip to lift loads of up to tonnes on platforms 100 ft high.

The crane was chosen to ensure safety during offshore operations.

The vessel's existing four-torpedo system was upgraded to two additional winches with 1 metre of wire handle two Stevin anchors. A storage deck vides a sheltered work area.

UK trends cif is en

By Peter Green, Freightng THE latest Department of Transport survey revealing that exporters are now quoting foreign currencies is an encouraging sign, says a commentator, who has been waging a one campaign against FOB.

It is estimated that about 70% of Britain's exports are so FOB terms, when the export responsible only for the cost getting goods on the ships. The importer then has to arrange the transport and all through to destination.

A concerted drive is now way to convince exporters of need to switch to offering price the domicile or cif basis.

Mr Seymour Grann, man director of ROBA (UK) Ltd, low-based international freight warders and traders, said the survey shows a small swing