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Governors' plea for Maritime University funds

By Bridget Hogan, Shipping Correspondent

A RENEWED appeal for funds to ensure the financial security of the World Maritime University in Malmö is to be launched next month by its ruling body.

The board of governors will hear from the university's chancellor Mr C. P. Srivastava, secretary-general of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) about the uncertainty surrounding its finances.

About half the income for the two-year-old establishment is from grants and fellowship sponsorship from countries and organisations to meet costs of \$4 million each year.

But the other \$2m arrives in an ad hoc way and Mr Srivastava says the board is "seriously concerned" about the uncertainty at the university because of this system.

"Assured support on a recurrent basis will contribute to a sounder basis for operations at the university and to greater certainty in planning for the future," he said.

Support has come from Sweden, to the tune of \$1m a year, with the United Nations Development Programme contributing \$700,000 each year and Norway \$350,000.

Fellowship income, notably from West Germany and the Commonwealth Secretariat brings the total available to the university in 1985 to the \$4m mark.

If more money had been avail-

And Mr Srivastava will be calling 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.

able last year Mr Srivastava said a further eight or ten students could have been admitted for study.

Last year Mr Srivastava launched an appeal for donations to a capital fund which would support the university, but so far only \$107,900 with another \$52,000 pledged has been made available.

So the university will be asking IMO to back a three-pronged appeal to the developed and developing worlds and to United Nations agencies to set up the capital fund.

Developed countries can send development assistance funds to the university in three ways — as payments for fellowships which cost \$12,000 a year; an annual contribution; or a lump sum to the capital fund.

Developing countries should arrange fellowships for students from their countries by organising programmes for the training of key categories of personnel.

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

	Number of countries	Number of students		
		1983 class	1984 class	1985 class
Africa	19	25	23	29
Arab states	8	11	6	19
Asia and Pacific	13	12	19	16
Latin America and Caribbean	16	18	15	17
Europe	3	6	2	2
Total	59	72	65	83

Students make their first visit to Lloyd's

By Peter Green

THE first visit to Lloyd's by administrators, surveyors, professors and students of the two-year-old World technical managers of shipping

NEWS IN BRIEF

Food aid held up in ports

NEARLY 500,000 tonnes of food is held up in ports in Ethiopia and Sudan and more starvation and spoilage are threatened if it is not moved, US official Mr Peter McPherson said yesterday.

Mr McPherson, who heads the Agency for International Development, said 1,500 additional trucks were need for moving 220,000 tonnes of food at three ports in Ethiopia.

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 tons of shipping was the second best April result in the canal's history was reached and 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, fertilisers up 8.7% to

Ener signs

By Terry Macallister,

SIGNS that the world is pulling itself out of recession are contained in the set of energy statistics yesterday by British Petroleum.

The 1984 figures show world consumed more energy than in any previous period of its history.

In the non-Communist energy consumption is now the peak that it reached in the second oil crisis of 1979. I leaders Japan and the States used 5-6% more in 1984 compared with the year, although Western consumption grew by about this amount.

While total energy demand in 1984, reliance on oil marked. The British coal strike distorted the figures in Britain, but the general increase in other fuel sources, particularly led to little increase in oil for Europe as a whole.

The UK's oil consumption leaped over 22% due to the dispute compared with 1984 while the US used 2.7% more in 1984 compared with the 12-monthly period.

In the Communist world was a drop overall, with the Union's consumption fell 0.6%. One of the few growths was China, which used 1.4% more oil last year compared with 1983.

Refining capacity fell world by over 2%, but it remains a global surplus. The biggest fall in capacity was in Western Europe, which was a 7% reduction. By there was a small increase

OSA i

From Edelgard Simon, LEADING European vessel operator Offshore Association has struck a deal with Union Oil The

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THE first visit to Lloyd's by students of the two-year-old World maritime University was made yesterday. Hosted by the Sedgwick insurance group, 12 Third World students, who are on a technical management of shipping companies course in Malmo, had a conducted tour.

Today the party visits the Baltic Exchange and the shipbroking 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 that the university's first graduation ceremony would be held on July 9.

The university currently has 220 students representing 74 countries. The two-year courses train students as government admin-

istrators, 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 or 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.

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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 2,445 metres, the company said. The new find is near Elf's Soudron 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 coast of Alaska.

USA III

From Edelgard Simon, Hamburg LEADING European supple- vessel operator Offshore Supply Association has struck a pioneering deal with Union Oil Thailand.

The West German company undertaken to provide topside maintenance services on an offshore development for at least months.

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

OSA's Union Oil project providing work for 23 Thais. They are just a handful of West German in charge of operations on *Winsertor*.

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

Extensive conversion work prepared the former pipe carrier *Winsertor* 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 cabins and sanitary facilities, workshops and a store.

A major addition was the tonne crane mounted on a collar at the stern. It has a hydraulic telescopic gib 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-point mooring system was upgraded two additional winches with 1 metres of wire handle two Stevin anchors. A storage deck provides a sheltered work area.

UK trend cif is en

By Peter Green, Freightling THE latest Department of Trade export survey revealing that exporters are now quoting foreign currencies is an encouraging sign, says a company chief has been waging a one-campaign against FOB.

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

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

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

Nippon Kokan's cruise ship to be unveiled

By David Mott

NIPPON Kokan'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 Njal 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 activities.

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.

Gullfaks 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, Ruhrgas 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 1.5 billion cubic metres from the Gullfaks, Statfjord and Heimdal fields to West Germany's North

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