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US to Send Teacher To Maritime School

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WASHINGTON — For the first time, the U.S. Coast Guard will send an instructor to the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden.

The United States has formally supported the university, established by the U.N.' International Maritime Organization in 1983 to provide higher level training for marine officers of underdeveloped countries.

Between 60 and 100 have been in training there annually. Major financial support for the university comes from the United Nations, Sweden, West Germany and Norway; other aid, in the form of fellowships, is given by other governments and private bodies such as labor unions.

The U.S. Coast Guard officer will instruct on keeping ships in compliance with international safety and environmental standards.

The U.S. decision was disclosed recently in London at a meeting of the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization.

The U.S. Radio Officers Associa-

tion was upset at the decision, and particularly its cost at a time when the Coast Guard is hard-pressed for funds.

The decision also comes when federal support for U.S. state maritime schools and the National Maritime College at Kings Point, N.Y., is being reduced.

A spokesman for the Radio Officers' Union, one of the private groups to contribute fellowships in the past, indicated it wants to find out more about the decision and the cost.

Rear Adm. John W. Kime, head of the Coast Guard's Office of Maritime Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection, representing the United States, disclosed the U.S. decision.

Coast Guard headquarters here said having a U.S. officer at the school to offer expert instruction will aid in this country's highly demanding enforcement system as it has evolved under international agreements.

The budget-conscious Coast Guard, in explaining the decision, said the officer to be chosen would come from headquarters here "without replacement."