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### **Atlantic Richfield Announces Test Flow** From Well In Timor Sea

Atlantic Richfield Company, Los Angeles, Calif., has confirmed that an exploratory well in the Timor Sea, 160 miles offshore northern Australia, flowed oil at a rate of 4.272 barrels per day during a drill stem test through a half-inch choke.

The well, Puffin No. 2, located approximately 430 miles west of Darwin, flowed 48-degree API gravity crude from a thin sand through perforations at the 6,600foot-depth level, a spokesman said.

ARCO Australia Limited, an Atlantic Richfield subsidiary with a 50 percent interest, is operator for the venture. Other participants are Australian Aquitaine Petroleum, Pty., Limited, 37.5 percent; and Esso Exploration and Production, Australia, Inc., 12.5 percent.

This find cannot be declared commercial without further study of test results and possible additional drilling, the spokesman added.

### Welding Brochure Shows **Award-Winning Ideas**

The Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation Review is a new eightpage illustrated brochure containing brief abstracts of award entries in the Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation's recent Award Program. This annual program offers awards for ideas that have conserved material, reduced costs, and improved machinery or manufactured products through arc welded design, engineering, and fabrication.

The current issue of the Review contains abstracts of entries describing design and fabrication of turbine runner hubs, farm machinery, truck frames, machine tools, fixtures and compressor frames. The projects involve the redesign of weldments, the efficient use of materials, replacement of castings and welded design for energy conservation. Featured are weight savings by eliminating over-designing and other inefficient uses of material.

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The Sydhav, shown on trials, is the first ship to be built by Gotaverken using the shipyard's new facilities.

### Gotaverken Arendal Yard Delivers First In New Series Of 32 Tankers

The first vessel in a series of 32 tankers of 140,000 to 154,000 dwt, the Sydhav, which are on order with Gotaverken Arendal, Gothenburg, Sweden, was delivered recently. The Sydhav also is the first ship to be equipped with a Burmeister & Wain K90 engine, built by Gotaverken under the license agreement of 1972.

Including the Sydhav, Gotaverken has built no less than 200 tankers in Gothenburg. The first one was the motor tanker Hamlet, 7,210 dwt, which was delivered in 1916 and at that time attracted attention for its speed, size and design. On this ship Gotaverken introduced the system of two longitudinal bulkheads which then became standard in tankers.

The Sydhav has been built to the highest class of Det norske Veritas and bears the class EO (unmanned machinery room) and the special notation "Inert." It is 885 feet 10 inches in length overall and 883 feet  $0\frac{1}{4}$ inches between perpendiculars. The beam is 142 feet  $0\frac{3}{4}$  inches and has a depth of 73 feet  $7\frac{7}{8}$  inches and a summer freeboard draft of 56 feet. The deadweight is 140,800 tons and the registered gross tonnage is 74,100.

The total cargo-oil capacity at 98 percent full is 6,005,740 cubic feet, in the four center tanks and 12 side tanks. Clean-water ballast can be carried in the fore and aft peak tanks and in two side tanks. The total cleanwater ballast capacity is 573,505 cubic feet.

The hull design has many features com-

mon to tankers but also a number of less orthodox structural arrangements. The web spacing in the cargo tanks is 201 inches, in the after peak and counter 23.6 inches, in the engine and pump room 35.5 inches, and in the forepeak area 33.5 inches. High tensile steel was used almost exclusively for the longitudinal hull plating and profiles and also in parts of the transverse bulkheads and deep web frames. Forty-five percent of the total hull steel consists of such hightensile steel, almost all of which was produced in Swedish mills.

Primary structural stiffness of the longitudinal panels is afforded by the transverse bulkheads and by the deep transverse web frames. This has made possible the omission of the centerline deck girder. The centerline bottom girder has a height much lower than the bottom transverse and serves as a docking girder only. The transverse bulkheads have horizontal stiffeners and deep, vertical web frames.

All crew staterooms are on the second deck or higher. Only storerooms are located on the upper deck. Messrooms, dayrooms, galley, etc. are on the first poop deck. "Floating floors," consisting of a wooden board resting on mineral wool with no battens to the steel deck give good soundproofing and vibration reducing effect. All bulkheads and ceilings are of incombustible material.

The ship has single-berth cabins with showers and water closets for officers and single-berth cabins with semi-private shower and water closet for the crew. The accommodations, including the wheelhouse, are fully air conditioned by a high-pressure single-pipe system and cabin ventilators with individual electric preheating facilities.

The main engine is an eight cylinder, twostroke, crosshead, large-bore diesel engine. This engine retains some of Burmeister & Wain's traditional design features, such as single-stage impulse turbo-charging, uniflow scavenging with top-mounted central exhaust valve, oil-cooled pistons, etc. Another feature is the completely new design of the frame. This is a very stiff construction, consisting of a few, horizontally joined elements instead of the previous vertically subdivided cylinder units. The exhaust valves are hydraulically operated. The cylinder covers are of solid steel plate with radial cooling-water bores in the upper part and tangential in the lower part. Hydraulically tightened nuts are used extensively.

The machinery is normally controlled from a sound-insulated, air conditioned control room. Arrangements are made for at least 24-hours operation in the unmanned condition.

The three auxiliary diesel engines are 12cylinder, V-type units made by Bergens Mek. Verksted, each coupled to one 1,100-kw Nebb air-cooled alternator. Two of the alternators can be disconnected from the engine by a pneumatically operated clutch. By means of this clutch, the diesel can be engaged to a bevel gear driving a cargo pump through a vertical shaft system. When driving the pumps the cargo-pump speed can be controlled from the pump room, from which also the coupling can be disengaged.

During normal operation at sea, the steam for all heaters in the engine room, bunker heating and domestic heating is produced in a Gotaverken/Sunrod exhaust-gas boiler.

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Several new investments at the shipyard have been utilized to their fullest in building the Sydhav and in this respect this ship marks the beginning of a new era at Gotaverken Arendal.



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### Gulf + Western Awarded \$5.2-Million Nuclear Sub Components Contract

The Gulf+Western Manufacturing Company, Oak Brook, Ill., has reported that its Energy Products Group has received contracts valued at \$5.2 million for piping components for nuclear submarines from the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation. G+W Manufacturing is a unit of Gulf+Western Industries, Inc.

The contract includes piping components used on SSN-688-class nuclear attack submarines. The components, which will be produced at the Memphis plant of the Energy Products Group's Taylor Forge Division, will be provided over the next four years. The new contract brings to nearly \$12 million the value of piping systems components provided by the Energy Products Group for use on SSN-688-class submarines. Previously, the Energy Products unit supplied components for nuclear submarines built by Electric Boat and Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, a division of Tenneco Corporation.

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Oceans International Appoints Pereira VP

Melvin C. Pereira Jr.

Burnell Russell, president of Oceans International Corporation, has announced the appointment of Melvin C. Pereira Jr. as vice president and general manager.

A 15-year maritime veteran, Mr. Pereira will be involved with all of Oceans International's offices, including Houston headquarters, Galveston, New Orleans, and New York City.

quarters, Galveston, New Orleans, and New York City. Prior to joining Oceans International, Mr. Pereira was with Bay-Houston Towing Company in Houston, and Waterman Steamship Corporation in Galveston.

Oceans International represents American Offshore, Inc.; Cook Transportation Systems, Inc.; Maritime Service, Inc.; Transamerican Ocean Contractors, and Transamerican Steamship Corporation.

The firm also services offshore petroleum industry vessels, including preparation of customs and other Government required forms, both domestic and foreign; ordering of fuel and supplies; making port arrangements, and providing owner representation for foreign-flag vessels.

### Tidal Company Names Swanton Executive VP

Gerald F. Swanton has been named executive vice president of Tidal Co., Inc., New York-based steamship and stevedore agents, the company announced.

Mr. Swanton, a vice president of Southeastern Maritime Co., was formerly a vice president of operations for Netumar International, and vice president and director of Moore-McCormack Lines.

### M & S (Marine) Appoints U.K. And European Agent



F.J. Emond

Murray & Stewart (Marine), the South African ship repair firm with headquarters in Table Bay Harbour, has taken a further step toward the consolidation of its U.K. and European network of agents and representatives. The company has appointed a 37-year-old South African, F.J. Emond, as their U.K. and European representative. Mr. Emond will be working from the London offices of M & S (Marine)'s U.K. agent, John Bailey.

Mr. Emond is a chartered engineer and fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineers. He was previously a chief engineer and then, for six years, a superintendent engineer with Safmarine, for whom he has altogether worked for 16 years. Mr. Emond has ex-tensive experience in both the technical and cost side of vessel repairs, as well as a thorough training in the costs and problems of routine maintenance. He will be primarily responsible for establishing a closer liaison with over 200 U.K. and European cli-ents and potential clients, and will at the same time maintain the closest possible contact between them and the ship repair teams in South Africa whenever a European client's vessel is in M & S (Marine)'s hands.

### ETA Announces British Subsidiary

Engineering Technology Analysts, Inc. (ETA), an engineering design and consulting firm based in Houston, Texas, has recently formed a wholly owned British subsidiary in Edinburgh, Scotland. Engineering Technology Analysts, Ltd. was established to better serve ETA's U.K. clients involved in the rapidly growing North Sea activities. Directors for the firm, which is registered in Scotland, are Peter Lovie (managing), and Edwin L. Lowery (secretary).

ETA specializes in the complete design and analysis of mobile and fixed offshore structures, marine pipelaying, and piping system analysis and design. Now in its fifth year of business, ETA has expanded its engineering services on an international scale, and has also established representative offices in Oslo, Norway and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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### M-G Transport Asks Aid For 75 Hopper Barges To Be Built By Jeffboat

M-G Transport Services Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, has applied to the Maritime Administration for construction loan and mortgage insurance to build 75 barges costing \$9,224,675. The new barges will add to the carrier's existing fleet on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The application states that 45 of the barges will be the semiintegrated hopper rake type, and the remainder semi-integrated open hoppers.

The barges, which will have from 70,000 to 79,000-cubic-feet bale and grain capacity each, will be built by Jeffboat, Inc. of Jeffersonville, Ind.

M-G pointed out that it already operates a fleet of 15 towboats and 214 barges on the two rivers.

### Sedco, Inc. Receives \$40-Million Contract From British Petroleum

British Petroleum Company Ltd., has awarded a two-year drilling contract, valued at approximately \$40 million, to Sedco, Inc., for a dynamically stationed drillship to be known as the Sedco 471.

The vessel will be built at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and will be delivered in March 1977.



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### Todd Galveston Yard Construction Backlog Increases to \$50 Million

The Galveston Division of Todd Shipyards Corporation has in recent months booked a substantial volume of diversified marine construction work—all scheduled for completion by the middle of 1975. The total volume of this work is approximately \$50 million.

A long-term contract with

Alamo Barge Lines calls for construction of two twin-screw 135foot river pushboats and 12 liquid cargo barges. This contract is now well past the halfway mark. The first set of four barges, intended for use in integrated 1,055foot tows of four barges each, has already been delivered, as have two of the second set of barges. The balance of the work, in varying stages, is well along toward completion. This schedule originally called for all of the units to be delivered before the middle of 1974. However, difficulties encountered in obtaining the necessary steel precluded such deliveries, and the contract is now scheduled for completion later this year.

Todd has also been awarded, and will shortly sign, contracts covering the construction of four 96-foot tugboats for various companies, with deliveries set for 1975.

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Todd has also been awarded a contract by James Griffiths & Sons, Inc. to construct a 302-foot by 72-foot barge to be used for hauling logs in Alaskan coastwise service. Here again, the owner was able to furnish the bulk of the steel, which is presently en route from Japan.

In addition to the above construction work, Todd will convert three vessels into drillships. Two of these vessels have already been delivered to the shipyard. They are presently 335-foot-long cargoships and will have 40-foot mid-body sections fabricated and installed by Todd. The completed drillships will be operating in the icy Arctic waters of the Beaufort Sea off the northern coast of Canada, and so the entire hulls of the vessels will be widened and strengthened for this service. Considerable other work will be carried out on these vessels, including installation of Whirley cranes capable of lifting in excess of 100 tons. The completed drillships will be 375 feet long and 70 feet wide when redelivered to Dome Petroleum Limited of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Steel for this project is being furnished by owners and is presently en route to the shipyard.

The third vessel scheduled for conversion, a 440-foot-long lumber carrier, presently in Japan, will arrive at the Galveston shipyard in the early part of October. A 42-foot midbody section is to be fabricated and installed in the existing vessel, quarters completely renovated and drilling equipment installed, after which the converted vessel will operate as a self-propelled oceangoing drilling vessel. The steel required for this contract will also be supplied by the owner.

Accelerated hiring and a continuing "in-plant" training program is a significant part of Todd's activities.

### General Dynamics Wins \$285.4-Million Contract For Trident Submarine

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### Corps Of Engineers Asks Bids For Twin-Screw Towboat

The Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock Ark. 72203, will open bids on September 17, 1974 for the construction of a twin-screw diesel-powered towboat. The vessel's propulsion system will consist of two 975-horsepower diesel engines, and the towboat will measure 96 feet by 34 feet, with the cost ranging from \$1 million to \$5 million. Bid sets may be obtained from the Corps of Engineers at a price of one dollar.

### Executive Promotions At Dravo Corporation

**Robert Dickey III**, president and chief executive officer of Dravo Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222, was elected to the additional post of chairman of the board in action taken by the company directors.

Mr. Dickey reported that the board also elevated four other senior executives to new posts in moves which realign and expand management responsibilities at a time when Dravo is experiencing steady growth and developing new long-term opportunities in its domestic and international operations. The other promotions are:

**H.E. Lore**, to vice chairman and chief administrative officer, will assume responsibility for staff functions, including international, industrial relations, purchasing and traffic, legal, public relations and advertising.

J.K. Beidler, as vice chairman, commercial, will expand his responsibilities for the company's worldwide commercial activities, with particular emphasis on coordinating the marketing of multidivisional products and services.

**P.J. Berg** moves up to senior vice president, operations, in charge of Dravo's four operating groups and its Australian subsidiary, Dravo Proprietary, Ltd.

**R.S. Gould,** as senior vice president, corporate development, will be responsible for research and development, acquisitions, market development and planning and land development.

Completing the new executive alignment at the diversified engineering, manufacturing and construction firm is **T.F. Faught**, who earlier this month was elected senior vice president, finance to replace **E.T. Fitch** who retired last year.

In commenting on the changes, Mr. Dickey said that the board's actions are a response to the company's recent growth and recognition of expanding executive responsibilities as Dravo positions itself in new and enlarging areas of activity worldwide. "The steps announced today," Mr. Dickey said, "are the first in a series of operational, personnel, marketing and other changes that will take place in an evolutionary manner to meet the company's long-range objectives."

Earlier, Dravo announced that earnings for the first six months of 1974 were 50 percent above those of the corresponding period last year. Backlog to be reported as revenue at June 30, 1974 was \$951 million, compared with \$812 million a year ago and \$677 million on the same date two years ago. Mr. Dickey commented that Dravo's earnings for the full year 1974 are expected to exceed 1973's record \$3.72 per common share by a sizable margin, and will represent the fourth consecutive year of profit improvement. He added that revenue for the full year is expected to reach the half-billiondollar mark for the first time in the company's history.

Lee Turner To Manage Ship Chartering For Evans International

Lee Turner has been named manager of the ship charter department of Evans International Trading Co., Portland, Ore. He was previously a director of A.A. Whitehead Shipping Ltd., London.



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#### **Robert L. Hague Post To Honor Todd President**

The Robert L. Hague Post American Legion has announced that the 34th Annual Guard of Honor Ball will be held on November 2 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Past Commander Walter L. Vaughan, general chairman of the affair, announced at a committee meeting that John T. Gil-bride, president of Todd Shipyards Inc., will be this year's re-cipient of the Robert L. Hague Post's Citation and Distinguished Service Medal.

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### **ABS Subsidiary ABSTECH Names Two**

ABSTECH appointments of John Snowdon as regional representative for the United King-dom and John H. MacDonald as representative for Spain were announced by vice president in charge of operations Walter D. Vandegrift.

Mr. Snowdon will direct ABS-TECH activities from the London office at Winchester House, 77 London Wall, London, EC2N 1 BU.

Mr. MacDonald will direct ABS-TECH activities from Madrid, where the office is located at La Torre de Madrid 90-9, Calle Princesa 1, Apartado 50380, Madrid, Spain.

ABSTECH, a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Bureau of Shipping, provides inspection services of land-based structures to insure compliance with contract plans and agreed upon standards.

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### Numerical Control's Impact On Shipyard Management

#### Thomas Lamb\*

The searching for better ways to accomplish specific items of work should be a never-ending task of engineers and management. Although it is applied in shipbuilding, the determination and implementation of new ways is generally slow compared to other industries. This is usually stated to be because shipbuilding is a custom-building heavy industry, building one of a kind products in a fiercely competitive world where any significant change usually involves large capital expenditure.

One of the important changes in shipbuilding methods and one which allows others to be possible is the use of numerical-control (N/C) production machines. The N/C production machines for shipyards are limited presently to marking and burning machines and frame-bending machines, although commitments have been made for other shipyard N/C machines and N/C controlled processing lines and plate-forming machines have been proposed.

The use of N/C in the shipyard has had a significant effect on most methods and departmental organization.

Although it takes a relatively short period of time to learn the basic coding of a specific computer-assisted programming system for the preparation of N/C data, it requires considerable experience in the full use and management and control of such N/C software systems to be able to set up an effective and efficient N/C programming group and to integrate it within the existing shipyard organization. Even when the programming instructions are fully understood, the success of the system is not guaranteed. This part is less than 25 percent of the total effort required to ensure an effective N/C dataprocessing group. It appears that it is more difficut to set up the organization and its operating procedures than it is to obtain working knowledge of the pro- EN gramming methods.

#### N/C or Not N/C?

The application of N/C to shipyard processes has been discussed and the benefits of the use of the system covered in previous papers and articles. However, is it the panacea for all shipyards, or are there certain conditions that must

\*Mr. Lamb, manager of the Marine Division, Value Engineering Company, presented the paper condensed here before a meeting of the Hampton Roads Section of The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. exist before it becomes beneficial? Does it depend on ship type and size, or shipyard size, and are there other alternatives today which provide meaningful competition to N/C production machines?

As may be obvious, there are no easy and clear-cut answers to these questions, as they involve many factors which are not even constant from one shipyard to another. However, from the experience of shipyards using at least some aspect of N/C, it can generally be stated that N/C applications always have improved the process and resulted in economic savings, regardless of these factors.

Guidelines for the use of N/Cin other industries can be studied as a decision aid for a shipyard. It is claimed that a company is ready for N/C when:

1. The number of identical job runs is relatively small.

2. The average part has a fair degree of complexity.

3. The parts are subject to frequent design change.

4. Inspection procedures are lengthy, difficult and, therefore, costly.

In order to determine the size of the N/C data-processing section, an estimate of the total manhours per year is necessary. A rough estimate of the total manhours required, utilizing a second generation computer-aided lofting (CAL) system, can be obtained from Figure 1. Table 1 can be used to analyze the manpower requirements for the N/C data-processing section. The example given in the table is the basis for the manning shown in Figure 2. It can be seen from the example that two ships, each of



TRUCTURAL PRODUCTION	N/C DATA PROCESSING
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3 File Clerks —	Systems Analyst
Assembly & Erection	Fairing & Shell
Preparation Group [GL+4]	Development Group [GL+3]
Structural Material [GL+2]	Parts Generation & [GL+11]
Ordering Group	Nesting Group
Sub-assembly Weight [GL+1] & Center Group	Validation & [GL+8]
	N/C Drafting [2]

preparation group for capability of two different large ships per year.





new and different design, are forecasted for each year and that the work for one will be completed before the other is commenced. This is obviously an idealized case and difficult to obtain in real life.

#### **Methods and Organization**

The introduction of N/C production machines along with computer-aided lofting systems have had noticeable effect on both shipyard methods and organization. While it is true that the use of a computer-aided lofting system could be set up so that it simply replaced a manual system with no changes to the existing organization, it soon becomes obvious to the users that changes should be made in order to gain the full benefit of the system. In fact, some shipyards using computer-aided lofting systems have

made significant changes to their organization, either at the time of implementation of the system or very soon thereafter. These changes usually result in improvements far in excess of those directly related to N/C but, of course, are brought about by the use of N/C. In other words, the application of N/C has a snowballing effect; the extent of which is only limited by the attitude and capabilities of the individual shipyard staff and management.

A possible setup, using a computer-aided lofting system, is shown in Figure 3. The requirements of modern shipbuilding structural fabrication and assembly methods suggest that a different approach to structural engineering is required, and the use of a second-generation computer-aided lofting system provides the means whereby this can be accomplished.

It is suggested that the usual practice of preparing a very detailed structural drawing for each subassembly is no longer necessary, nor is it the best method. An engineering information procedure should be established that avoids duplication and ensures that adequate information is provided to the production department. It should also be set up so that changes can be effectively managed and controlled. The use of computers for this control is a natural continuation to computeraided lofting. A possible approach utilizes the usual structural-design drawings required by the classification society, the shipyard's structural-standard detail booklet, an erection and welding sequence booklet, and assembly and welding booklets for each type of sub-(continued on page 19)

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assembly containing a series of sequential isometric sketches showing welding details. These booklets can list what parts are to be coded for N/C tapes or 1:10 scale and 1:1 templates or simply laid off in the fabrication shop.

Breaking down the subassembly into sequential steps also assists the planning department to determine the work content and each craft can easily retrieve the information they require. Every operation presently utilizing detailed structural drawings can be significantly clarified and simplified with significant savings resulting from such an approach and the time required to complete all the details, information, and booklets reduced to at least half what is normally required. This, in turn, will allow the planning department to complete its detailed analysis earlier in the production cycle.

Unfortunately, all this time saving is not necessarily available as a total building-time savings due to the fact that as the time to complete the structural part of engineering and planning is reduced, other engineering aspects or the procurement of material become the critical item. However, the use of computer-aided programming systems usually allows a better engineering job to be done.

#### **Programming Group**

The main function of a N/C programming group is to provide all required N/C tapes, N/C drawings, 1:10 templates and related information to the production department for processing all the structural material required to build a ship.

The responsibilities of the N/C programming group will obviously depend on the individual shipyard organization requirements. However, it is considered essential for the greatest success of the system that the existing steel drawing office and the N/C programming group be integrated into one structural-work preparation department. Such a department could be completely responsible for the preparation of all information that the production department requires to build the structural part of a ship.

They also would be responsible for structural-material lists and the preparation of N/C drawings for other departments. If the department is given such responsibility, it must obviously be given the authority necessary to accept the responsibility.

The proposed structural-workpreparation department could be organized as shown in Figure 2. It is split into two sections, but their operations are very closely intertwined and, therefore, are under the control of a department head who reports directly to the vice president-technical.

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Table 1—Manning Requirements for N/C Data-Processing Section A. Annual forecast of ship type and size

No.	Туре	LBP	Manhours	Preparation Period (Weeks)
1	Tanker	1,000	24,000	25
2	Bulk Carrier	800	24,000	25
	Total	100 A	48,000	50

Required total number of staff = 24

#### B. Manpower Disposition

		Manhours	Number or Personnel
Fairing	11/2%	720	
Sight-edge fairing	1/2 %	240	
Longitudinal fairing	3/4 %	320	
Shell development	21/2%	1,200	
Assembly jig tables	13/4%	800	
Norm writing	2%	960	
Frame & long'l bending	21/4 %	1,080	
Scientific calculation	13/4%	800	
Sub-Total		6,120	3
Part generation	25%	12,000	
Nesting	20%	3,600	
Sub-Total		21,720	11
Validation & liaison	30%	14,400	7
Supervision	12%	6,000	3
Grand Total	100%	42,120	24

#### **Skills and Training**

Most existing computer-aided lofting systems are productionoriented and basically replace a function which was previously all manual by a combined computermanual operation. From this point of view, the skills required by personnel who will use the computer-aided lofting system are almost the same as for the pure manual system. The only significant difference being that drafting or layout lose their importance. Obviously, the users must be able to work with numerical data and have a good knowledge of at least elementary trigonometry.

In this country, many of the early users of computer-aided ship lofting systems were recruited from the aircraft and industrial N/C fields, but their effectiveness was restricted due to their lack of shipbuilding experience. The average shipyard draftsman or loftsman can learn the basics of coding in three to four weeks and become quite proficient in the use of the system in less than a year, whereas it takes many years to learn the many facits of shipbuilding that the shipyard draftsmen or loftsmen require to do their job.

Assuming a staff of three systems analysts and 12 users, the training requires an investment of over 100 manweeks or approximately \$50,000. Add to this the cost of the instructors and computer usage, the investment can be \$100,000.

#### **Future Developments**

It is obvious to anyone working with N/C that the present stateof-the-art is just scratching the surface of the potential use of the computer in all phases of ship production. Therefore, the basic need for the future is to continue the effort to expand the application of N/C to shipyard methods and to better integrate the processes involved from design through production.

The present state of capabilities allows access to the following types of information for the hull structure: area of parts, perimeter of parts, thickness and weight of parts, position of parts in ship coordinates, and position of parts on nested formats.

The immediate future should see the following type of programs implemented in connection with N/C:

1. Interference program for distributed systems and compartment equipment.

2. Automated bill of material for: hull structure, piping systems, and ventilation systems.

3. Pipe design and sketching, and N/C pipe bending and finishing systems.

4. Increased use of computer graphics for input of required information.



Figure 3—Possible structural-production process utilizing a second-generation N/C software system.



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Santa Fe Drilling Names Aldo Zanier Manager In Nigeria



Aldo M. Zanier

Aldo M. Zanier has been promoted to manager of Santa Fe Drilling Co. in Nigeria.

Mr. Zanier joined the company in 1972 as a staff drilling engineer in Orange, Calif., and transferred to Nigeria in April of this year as assistant zone manager.

He is an engineering graduate of Instituto Minerario in Italy, and has a master's degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Houston.

Santa Fe has four rigs currently operating in Nigeria, and is building a new swamp barge which will start work there early next year.

### Manchester Orders Two Additional Containerships From Smith's Dock Co.

Smith's Dock Company Limited (a member of the Swan Hunter Group), South Bank, Teesside, England, has received an order from Manchester Liners Limited for two more container vessels for delivery in the first half of 1977.

The new vessels are designed to accommodate over eight hundred 20-foot containers and are fitted with sliding container divisions for easy conversion to accommodate 40-foot containers. Provision has also been made for fitting up to thirty-five 40-foot refrigerated containers.

The vessels are powered by 7RND90 Sulzer machinery driving a fixed bladed propeller at a loaded trial speed in excess of 20 knots.

Principal particulars of the vessels are: length between perpendiculars, 525 feet; breadth, molded, 82 feet 6 inches; depth, 51 feet 6 inches, and 17,500 dead-weight tons at 30-foot draft.

These two latest ships will be the 12th and 13th in a series ordered from Smith's Dock for Manchester Liners over the past few years. The previous tonnage consisted of four general cargo vessels; one general cargo vessel, which was converted to a containership shortly after completion; and six fully containerized vessels, the last of which, the Manchester Reward, is due for completion in the near future.

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### **GHH Sterkrade To Build** Floating Dock For Brazil

GHH Sterkrade (Gutehoffnungshutte Sterkrade Aktiengesellschaft) has been commissioned by the Brazilian company Comercio, Industria e Participacoes S.A., Rio de Janeiro, to build a floating dock of 20,000 tons lifting capacity. The approximate measurements would be 705 feet length overall, a width of 115 feet, and an immersion depth measured above top of keel blocks of 31 feet.

The dock, which is to be launched in May of next year, can dock ships of up to 60,000 dwt. The 36,000-ton dock Mar Joe, launched from GHH Sterkrade's dockyard in Nordenham-Blexen on the lower Weser at the beginning of May of this year, was delivered to Maryland Shipbuilding & Drydock Company in Baltimore after a successful trial docking on the 20th of July.

### Libya Orders Tankers From Swedish Shipyard

Libya has signed a 73-milliondinar contract with a Swedish shipbuilding firm for three 124,-000-ton tankers.

The tankers are scheduled for delivery in 1976 to the Libyan Shipping Corp. The corporation has sent students to Britain, Greece and Egypt for training in engineering, electronics and navigation so they can run the tankers.

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### 'Repairing And Drydocking Large Carriers'—H.P. Drewry

The growth in world international seaborne trade during the last decade, particularly in bulk commodities, has been accompanied by an equally rapid growth in the size of the world bulk fleet, and especially in the number of vessels of 50,000 dwt and over. By the end of 1977 it is estimated that there will be approaching 3,000 vessels in this category, of which over 700 will be very large carriers of 225,000 dwt and above (including 170 of 300,000 dwt and over). "Repairing and Drydocking Large Carriers," the latest in a series of shipping studies from H.P. Drewry (Shipping Consultants) Limited, is primarily concerned with the supply of, and demand for, suitable repair docks capable of accommodating this increasingly important sector of the world merchant fleet.

The growth and development of the large carrier fleet over the last decade is analyzed by vessel type and size, as well as typical vessel dimensions, in each of these categories. Future scheduled deliveries are similarly analyzed and reveal the trend towards beamier vessels. A comprehensive list of standarized specifications of tankers developed by the world's major shipyards is given in the Appendix. The study also examines those vessels, such as containerships and gas carriers, which because of their extreme length, also use large carrier repair docks.

The 65-page study then proceeds to analyze current and future drydocking demand and categorizes demand by scheduled and unscheduled. Techniques and technologies to reduce scheduled drydocking are discussed, and although afloat surveys which reduce the frequency of drydocking are beginning to be widely accepted by the classification societies, there are other factors, such as performance guarantees in charter commitments, which are tending to work against drydocking minimization. Also discussed is the increasing demand for large repair docks for highly lucrative conversion work.

The supply of suitable drydocks is identified, and the study reveals that there are about 80 drydocks in the world which are considered to meet the requirements of accommodating vessels of 50,000 dwt and above. Of these, 14 are suitable for accommodating VLCCs. The size and location of these facilities are listed in the Appendix, as is the number of drydocks currently under construction. By 1977, it is estimated that there will be 100 such docks to service the large carrier fleet (i.e. vessels of 50,000 dwt and over), of which 25 will have dimensions exceeding 340 meters (about 1,116 feet) in length, and 60 meters (about 197 feet) in breadth, and may therefore be considered suitable for VLCCs. The trend away from traditional ship repairing areas is high-lighted, and also discussed are the large number of expansion plans which are currently under consideration. There are estimated to be 30 such schemes, and these too are listed in the Appendix. In the opinion of H.P. Drewry, it is concluded that fewer than half will actually materialize because of a variety of financial and political considerations. Also, those that do become a reality may well be somewhat different from current ideas.



The report concludes by examining repair and maintenance costs for different vessel types and sizes. Costs are calculated on a \$ per dwt p.a. basis, and reveal the economies of scale associated with size. Also revealed are repair and maintenance differentials between tankers and bulk carriers of similar size. Besides these direct costs to shipowners, the indirect costs of loss of revenue while the vessel is out of service are also estimated. These costs, in a given freight market situation, often exceed the direct cost of drydocking and maintaining a vessel; this is particularly true of large vessels, and illustrates why shipowners will not always drydock their vessels in the cheapest marketthey are more concerned about the length of the docking than about the cost. This is why apparent high cost facilities are in constant demand. The report concludes by examining recent escalation in repair and maintenance costs in different parts of the world.

"Repairing and Drydocking Large Carriers," No. 23 in a series of shipping reports prepared by the Research Division of H.P. Drewry (Shipping Consultants) Limited, Palladium House, 1-4 Argyll Street, London, W1V 1AD, England, is available on a subscription basis (£60 per ten consecutive reports) or at a single copy rate of £20.

### Philadelphia Maritime Exchange

### **Publishes New Port Directory**

The 1974-75 edition of The Philadelphia Maritime Exchange Port Directory is on sale, according to H. Willis Jackson, Maritime Exchange president. Copies of the comprehensive guide to Ports of Philadelphia services and facilities can be obtained at \$3 each by writing to The Philadelphia Maritime Exchange, 620 Lafayette Building, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106.

### Continental Oil Discovers Oil And Gas In China Sea

The Continental Oil Company recently reported that a subsidiary, and Pertamina, the Indonesian State Oil Company, discovered gas and oil in an offshore exploratory well in the China Sea about 130 miles west of Natuna Island. The company said further testing is needed to determine commercial significance. Other partners in the group are units of the Getty Oil Company and the Standard Oil Company (Indiana).

### Brochure On Towboat Power Produced By Electro-Motive

The Electro-Motive Division of General Motors Corporation, La Grange, Ill., has produced a new four-color brochure on towboat power. Describing a number of vessels included in the 3,000,000 shp that Electro-Motive has placed in marine service since 1965, the booklet also contains the addresses of EMD Parts Centers.

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It is my opinion that the economics clearly indicate that the investments required to attain a year-around operation can be justified because of the sizeable benefits that will be attained.

The extended season, as it relates to the pellet trade, will render many economic and social benefits. The first will be a reduction in Lake-transportation costs. As more tons are handled in the efficient vessels during the extended season, several of the smaller, older vessels in each fleet can be retired or operated in a shorter season.

The fleet and terminal fixed costs will be allocated over a longer time period than the current 8-month season, rendering a lower unit-transportation cost. Ultimately, when a 12-month season is obtained, there will be no annual start-up and shut-down costs on the vessels or docks.

Secondly, the extended season will help us keep the cost of steel down. The extension of the season is effectively a cost-control program because it will help to limit the rise in transportation cost of domestic raw materials to the mills.

It will reduce inventory-carrying costs associated with maintaining large stockpiles of raw materials at the mills. Large inventories were needed at the mills so they could continue operation during the winter months when vessel deliveries were not scheduled. By reducing the inventory requirement, the need for working capital is also reduced which ultimately is a cost

1967-68	399,000 Tons Jan. 3
1968-69	472,000 Tons Jan. 8
1969-70	1,006,000 Tons Jan. 15
1970-71	1,426,000 Tons Feb. 2
1971-72	1,976.000 Tons Feb. 4
1972-73	3,363,000 Tons Feb. 11
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Recent Season Extensions at Soo Locks

and Extended Season Tonnage

Figure 1—Tonnages and termination dates of recent Great Lakes' season extensions.

savings to the producer. Continued vessel deliveries during the winter will reduce the materialhandling costs also at the Headof-the-Lakes where pellets are produced year around but must be stockpiled during the winter and reclaimed in the spring.

Thirdly, the extended season will help keep our domestic raw materials competitive with foreign sources. This will accrue from the lower transportation costs, the reduced inventory-carrying costs, and the availability of a steady flow of domestic raw materials throughout the year.

A fourth benefit will be an increase in income and employment for the operating vessel and dock crews. A year-around season will allow steady, uninterrupted employment. Also, the longer season will make it possible to set up scheduled vacation programs for the crewmen on board the vessels. We will be making better utilization of our limited supply of skilled merchant-marine officers and seamen.

A fifth benefit will accrue from conservation of natural fuel resources due to the newer, larger vessels which will operate longer gallon can be compared with an efficiency of our new super carriers of approximately 625 to 675 ton-miles per gallon.

Furthermore, the extended season will eliminate much of the all-rail shipments which are occasionally necessary when the vessels are inactive. In view of the fact that even the older, small Lake vessels can move 148 percent more ton-miles of cargo per gallon of fuel consumed than railroads, a reduction in total fuels consumed in transportation will be gained.

Finally, a sixth benefit of the extended season will be revitalization of the Great Lakes merchant marine fleet. As a vessel operator, I know how difficult it is to attract investment funds for a new vessel if her utilization is not maximized.

The combination of the funding available through the Merchant Marine Act of 1970 and the greater potential utilization of lakers on a year-around basis should stimulate investments in new vessel construction on the Great Lakes.

These are just a few of the

#### A Joint Effort

After the introduction of pelletized products which can be handled during the winter season, the shipping industry, the Coast Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers had an opportunity to solve the sub-optimum utilization of the Great Lakes Waterways System.

We started off by attaining a rather meager extension of the season in 1967. After some knowledge and experience was gained, we introduced several modifications to the vessels, the lock operations, the ice-breaking and escorting system and we achieved another small extension in 1968.

Accordingly, in each subsequent year we managed to extend the season by longer and longer periods. Figure 1 demonstrates quite an improvement over the preextended season era when nothing moved on Lake Superior after the middle of December.

It has taken a sincere determination on the part of the Government to prove that man can break through the ice barriers on the Great Lakes. Congress acted favorably in passing Public Law 91611-Section 107 which provided funding for the Extended Season Demonstration Program, and the Government has enthusiastically supported attainment of the objective to extend the season.

The Corps of Engineers has kept the locks open at the Soo during the daylight hours of the extended season. We are hopeful that they will provide 24-hour service in the future.

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Ten years ago, if someone had predicted a positive 10-month sailing season on the Great Lakes, he would have been labeled a cockeyed optimist. Well, vessels have now in fact operated in the Great Lakes ore trade over a 10month season. I can see a yeararound operation coming in the near future.

It is my opinion that the economics clearly indicate that the investments required to attain a year-around operation can be justified because of the sizeable benefits that will be attained.

The extended season, as it relates to the pellet trade, will render many economic and social benefits. The first will be a reduction in Lake-transportation costs. As more tons are handled in the efficient vessels during the extended season, several of the smaller, older vessels in each fleet can be retired or operated in a shorter season.

The fleet and terminal fixed costs will be allocated over a longer time period than the current 8-month season, rendering a lower unit-transportation cost. Ultimately, when a 12-month season is obtained, there will be no annual start-up and shut-down costs on the vessels or docks.

Secondly, the extended season will help us keep the cost of steel down. The extension of the season is effectively a cost-control program because it will help to limit the rise in transportation cost of domestic raw materials to the mills.

It will reduce inventory-carrying costs associated with maintaining large stockpiles of raw materials at the mills. Large inventories were needed at the mills so they could continue operation during the winter months when vessel deliveries were not scheduled. By reducing the inventory requirement, the need for working capital is also reduced which ultimately is a cost

\*Mr. Ransom, United States Steel Corporation, presented the paper abstracted here before the recent Spring Meeting of The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

### Recent Season Extensions at Soo Locks and Extended Season Tonnage

1967-68	399,000 lons Jan. 3
1968-69	472,000 Tons Jan. 8
1969-70	1,006,000 Tons Jan. 15
1970-71	1,426,000 Tons Feb. 2
1971-72	1,976.000 Tons Feb. 4
1972-73	3,363,000 Tons Feb. 11
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Figure 1-Tonnages and termination dates of recent Great Lakes' season extensions.

savings to the producer. Continued vessel deliveries during the winter will reduce the materialhandling costs also at the Headof-the-Lakes where pellets are produced year around but must be stockpiled during the winter and reclaimed in the spring.

Thirdly, the extended season will help keep our domestic raw materials competitive with foreign sources. This will accrue from the lower transportation costs, the reduced inventory-carrying costs, and the availability of a steady flow of domestic raw materials throughout the year.

A fourth benefit will be an increase in income and employment for the operating vessel and dock crews. A year-around season will allow steady, uninterrupted employment. Also, the longer season will make it possible to set up scheduled vacation programs for the crewmen on board the vessels. We will be making better utilization of our limited supply of skilled merchant-marine officers and seamen.

A fifth benefit will accrue from conservation of natural fuel resources due to the newer, larger vessels which will operate longer and are more efficient fuel consumers per ton of delivered cargo than the old, small vessels they will displace. A fuel efficiency on the smaller vessels of approximately 450 to 500 ton-miles per gallon can be compared with an efficiency of our new super carriers of approximately 625 to 675 ton-miles per gallon.

Furthermore, the extended season will eliminate much of the all-rail shipments which are occasionally necessary when the vessels are inactive. In view of the fact that even the older, small Lake vessels can move 148 percent more ton-miles of cargo per gallon of fuel consumed than railroads, a reduction in total fuels consumed in transportation will be gained.

Finally, a sixth benefit of the extended season will be revitalization of the Great Lakes merchant marine fleet. As a vessel operator, I know how difficult it is to attract investment funds for a new vessel if her utilization is not maximized.

The combination of the funding available through the Merchant Marine Act of 1970 and the greater potential utilization of lakers on a year-around basis should stimulate investments in new vessel construction on the Great Lakes.

These are just a few of the benefits that can be associated with the extension of pellet haulage on the Lakes. Equally impressive benefits will accrue from extension of the St. Lawrence Seaway season.

#### A Joint Effort

After the introduction of pelletized products which can be handled during the winter season, the shipping industry, the Coast Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers had an opportunity to solve the sub-optimum utilization of the Great Lakes Waterways System.

We started off by attaining a rather meager extension of the season in 1967. After some knowledge and experience was gained, we introduced several modifications to the vessels, the lock operations, the ice-breaking and escorting system and we achieved another small extension in 1968.

Accordingly, in each subsequent year we managed to extend the season by longer and longer periods. Figure 1 demonstrates quite an improvement over the preextended season era when nothing moved on Lake Superior after the middle of December.

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trip vessel times in the extended season.

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application during the normal season as well as the extended season and could reduce the number of buoys necessary.

Congress has provided funding for the establishment of Ice Central. At the Coast Guard's Ice Central Headquarters in Cleveland, input is received from the many vessels plying the Lakes, the Weather Bureau at many remote stations and from the Coast Guard's own ice-reconnaissance aircraft. The ice and weather information is compiled, analyzed and disseminated back to the vessels by radiotelephone and facsimile to help them maneuver as efficiently and safely as possible.

The season extension has also taken a high degree of determination on the part of private industry. Vessel hulls have been ice-strengthened in the bow areas. Heated pilothouse windows were installed. Additional insulation and heaters were added to the accommodations for crew comfort. Under a Maritime Administration contract a hull bubbler system was installed on one vessel.

The extended season has been a success. During the normal season, our AAA class of vessel's average round-trip time from Two Harbors, Minn., to Gary, Ind., is approximately five and one-half days. As you can see by Figure 2, except for the first year, their average extended season trip time is only slightly higher.

### Phoenix Container Liners Names Kerr Vice President

H.R.Q. Hubble, managing director of the Hong Kong-based Phoenix Container Liners, Ltd., has announced that A. Keith F. Kerr has been named vice president and North American representative of the company.

Mr. Kerr, who was former director of European trade development for the Port of Los Angeles, replaces James A. Blackmore, who has joined Kerr Steamship Co.

### Pioneer Industries Issues New 35-Page Manual On Joiner Doors And Frames

Pioneer Industries' 35-page comprehensive manual details the use of the stainless steel and aluminum joiner doors and frames, marine hardware, metal trim and moulding and sheet metal specialties required for a complete joiner installation. The publication includes typical elevations, details, suggested use of material and suggested hardware requirements for all types of openings.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Pioneer Industries, 401 Washington Avenue, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072.

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### MacGregor Forms New Scandinavian Company

MacGregor International has announced the opening of a new organization in Scandinavia to further strengthen their sales and technical service for ships of all nations.

The new organization will have offices in Goteborg, and offices in Oslo, Helsinki and Copenhagen. The rapid technical development of the technology involved in every aspect of cargo access equipment has made it essential for MacGregor to be able to provide good service facilities and technical assistance in every maritime country.

The personnel in the new company has considerable experience with MacGregor equipment: the managing director, K. Eriksen, and the technical manager, P. Isacsson, worked previously for 'Bromstrom,' the Swedish shipowners, and the sales manager, Capt. F.J. Ruud, is from Norsk MacGregor Oslo.

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### Simmonds Precision

### Names H.P. Rowell VP

Howard P. Rowell has been named a vice president of Simmonds Precision Products, Inc. (NYSE), Tarrytown, N. Y., it was announced by Geoffrey R. Simmonds, president.

Mr. Rowell is president and general manager of the company's Engine Systems Division, Norwich, N.Y., formerly General Laboratory Associates, Inc. (GLA).

oratory Associates, Inc. (GLA). A graduate of Northeastern University, Mr. Rowell joined GLA as a project engineer in 1950. He served successively as assistant chief engineer, engineering manager, chief engineer and vice president-engineering before being elected divisional vice president and general manager in 1970. In 1971, he became president of the division.

The Simmonds Precision Engine Systems Division designs and produces exciters, igniters, alternators and related equipment for gas turbine engines used in the aerospace, industrial and marine fields.

### ODECO Reports Record Earnings For Half

Ocean Drilling & Exploration Company, New Orleans, La., has reported record earnings of \$13,043,000, equal to \$1.15 per common share, for the six months ending June 30, 1974, a 71 percent increase over the first half of 1973 when the company reported income of \$7,603,000, equal to 67 cents per common share.

Total revenues for the six months were \$58,523,000, compared with \$39,418,000 a year earlier. Contract drilling revenues increased from \$30,422,000 to \$41,759,000.

Oil and gas sales improved from \$6,281,000 to \$10,521,000. Production of crude oil and gas liquids averaged 7,432 barrels a day, compared with 7,979 barrels a day a year earlier. Natural gas production averaged 37,047,000 cubic feet a day, compared with 22,059,000 cubic feet a day in the first half of 1973.

Interest, design fee and other income rose from \$1,499,000 to \$2,785,000. The company's equity in the net income of unconsolidated subsidiaries and 50 percentowned companies was \$2,079,000, compared with \$804,000 for a year earlier. Diving revenues for the six months were \$1,379,000, and exceeded 1973 revenues of \$412,000.

In the second quarter, ODECO earned \$7,035,000, equal to 62 cents per common share, also a company record. In the like period of 1973, earnings were \$3,633,000 or 32 cents per common share. Second quarter revenues totaled \$31,011,000, compared with \$20,291,000 a year earlier. Contract drilling revenues

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increased to \$22,448,000 from \$15,615,000 a year earlier, and oil and gas sales were \$5,243,000, compared with \$3,269,000. For the respective three-month periods, interest, design fee and other income were \$1,283,000 and \$832,000, equity in net income of unconsolidated subsidiaries and 50 percent-owned companies was \$1,130,000 and \$383,000, and diving revenues were \$907,000 and \$192,000. At the May Federal lease sale offshore Texas, the company, together with its 51 percent-owned subsidiary, Ocean Oil & Gas Company, acquired varying interests in eight leases containing approximately 41,793 acres (13,514 net acres) at a cost of \$5,590,000.

In commenting on the results, Alden J. Laborde, president, said: "The record performances for both the quarter and six-month periods are attributed to increased activity worldwide in the offshore drilling business which resulted in full utilization and improved rates for contract drilling services, as well as new drilling units joining the fleet, improved prices for oil and gas production, and good demand for services of the company's diving subsidiary, Sub Sea International." Mr. Laborde also observed that the outlook for the remainder of the year appears favorable.



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### **New Gamlen Marine** Sales Manager Named



William F. O'Brien Jr.

The appointment of William F. O'Brien Jr. to marine sales manager in charge of Gamlen Chemical Company's key North Amer-ican Zone Operations, based in Saddle Brook, N.J., has been an-nounced by R.A. Gamlen, president.

Mr. O'Brien, with 30 years of experience in chemical specialty sales, is a registered professional engineer (chemical), and belongs to The Society of Naval Archi-tects and Marine Engineers.

Pointing out recent changes in modern maritime transportation, Gamlen continues to revitalize its technical-sales organization to better serve this growing international market, according to the firm's president.

A division of Sybron Corporation, Gamlen is a major supplier of marine chemical products and technology, including tank cleaning systems, in all major ports and cities around the world.

### **American Bureau Enters Reciprocal Agreement** With Germanischer Lloyd

The American Bureau of Shipping and Germanischer Lloyd recently signed a memorandum of agreement for mutual assistance in the performance of surveys. This agreement shall apply to assistance from one society to the other rendered by making available upon request the services of its exclusive surveyors to carry out surveys independently or in company with the surveyors of the other society. It is intended that this agreement may be invoked on a worldwide basis.

Further information is available at the head offices of the two societies.

### National Cargo Bureau

Announces Appointments The National Cargo Bureau, Suite 2757, One World Trade Cen-ter, New York, N.Y. 10048, has announced the following person-

nel changes: Capt. James B. Mason has been appointed technical assistant in supplied complete, ready for inits New York office effective August 5, 1974. Captain Mason is a graduate of the New York State Maritime Academy, Fort Schuyler. He has been employed with the Bureau since 1969. His first

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assignment was in San Francisco and later at Galveston, Texas, where he has been serving as senior surveyor for the last four years.

Capt. Benjamin P. Nieves has been promoted to senior surveyor in their Galveston office effective August 5, 1974. Captain Nieves is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y., and has been employed by the Bureau since 1965. He has

had assignments at several Bureau ports, the most recent of which has been at Houston, Texas.

Captain Robert R. Mundell has been promoted to senior surveyor at the Portland, Ore., office succeeding Capt. Alden B. Johnson who retired August 1, 1974. Captain Mundell is a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, and has served at the Portland office of the Bureau since 1968.

The National Cargo Bureau is a nationwide nonprofit membership organization dedicated to the safe stowage, securing and unloading of cargo on all vessels for the purpose of claims prevention. It formulates recommendations to the Government on safe stowage of dangerous goods and other cargoes, and offers low-cost cargo loading inspection service (breakbulk and containers), and inspection of cargo handling gear.



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### Hoffert-Lowe Represents Tank S.A.P.P. In USA



Paul E. Hoffert

Paul E. Hoffert, president of Hoffert-Lowe, Inc., has announced that his company will represent the Tank S.A.P.P. inert gas system in the United States, while Ringstead Engineering Ltd., a subsidiary of Tank S.A.P.P., will be the representative of Skinner Turbines in the European market. Tank S.A.P.P. stands for Tanker Safety and Pollution Prevention.

Hoffert-Lowe, Inc., with headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla., and offices in the ports of New York and Norfolk, deal in deck and engine equipment for merchant marine and Naval vessels. Hoffert-Lowe are also worldwide representatives for Skinner Engine Company, Erie, Pa., a leader in the manufacture of marine engines for more than a century.

Attending the recent signing of the contract agreements at Ringstead House, Croydon, England, were Mr. Hoffert, William Glennon of Hoffert-Lowe's New Jersey-New York office, Alfred **E. Stanford,** managing director, Tank S.A.P.P., and **Kenneth Watson**, a director of the British firm. As a result of the agreement,

Skinner turbines will be making their first major appearance in the overseas market. Mr. Hoffert was enthusiastic

about the recently signed contract and the entrance of the Skinner products in Europe.

"Our prices are very competitive with those in Europe. Furthermore, we do not have the long delivery delays found in Europe," he said.

Mr. Hoffert added, "I believe that American manufacturers can now begin to compete very satisfactorily on the world market."

The Hoffert-Lowe president declared that he was happy to be affiliated with the British-based firm. Mr. Hoffert said: "We feel that the Tank S.A.P.P. inert gas system which we will market in the United States is the latest and finest-designed engineering system that will help prevent explosions on tankers. We feel it is the best program, since it is designed as a package system with the company able to provide service anywhere in the world."

In order to achieve safety in tankers, the company offers a comprehensive design and engineering service covering the installation of inert gas atmosphere control systems in new and existing vessels. These services include the complete survey of a system; choice of the most suitable equipment; supervision of installation work; training of operators; regular servicing and worldwide maintenance facilities and guidance on other material and equipment to increase tanker safety.

Mr. Hoffert pointed out that one of the major difficulties facing designers and operators of tankers is the risk of explosion. "This is rapid and uncontrolled combustion. To support this," he declared, "three elements must be present—fuel, ignition and oxygen. Remove any one of these and explosion will not occur."

To support combustion, a hydrocarbon/air mixture must have a content of at least 12 percent of oxygen by volume. Atmospheric air contains 21 percent, which makes it highly dangerous in tankers. But if the air is replaced by an inert gas containing less than the critical 12 percent of oxygen, there can be no combustion.

One system employed by Tank S.A.P.P. takes the waste flue gas from the ship's boiler plant to replace air in the cargo spaces. Processed waste gas from a boiler plant operating at normal efficiency does not contain more than 5 percent of oxygen by volume. Alternatively oil-fired inert gas generators are available where the boiler exhaust gas is insufficient. Included in the system is a control panel to monitor and regulate the operation of the system.

Mr. Stanford of Tank S.A.P.P. stated: "Up to 1967, the incident rate of explosions in tankers at sea was about 1 percent. However, from 1968 onward, coincident with the increases in tanker sizes from 90,000 to 300,000 tons, the incident rate rose sharply."

As part of the Tank S.A.P.P. plan, after the inert gas system is installed, the systems technicians will sail in the ship, supervise the operation of the plant under all conditions and instruct the crew members in order to achieve full efficiency of the system.

The Hoffert-Lowe president added that Tank S.A.P.P. is also interested in dealing in problems arising in spillage of oil from tankers. He declared, "Tank S.A.-P.P. is interested in counteracting pollution, aiding prevention and dealing with all problems arising from spillage of oil from tankers."

Mr. Hoffert, a native of Baltimore, Md., and an alumnus of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, became a resident of Jacksonville following the termination of U.S. Navy duty at nearby Green Cove Springs in 1955. He then joined Gibbs Corporation Shipyard and attended Jones College, where he majored in business administration. In 1968, with Charles Lowe, he established Hoffert-Lowe in Jacksonville. The Hoffert-Lowe Building is at 1700 East Church Street.

Nippon Kokan (NKK) Names Takeo Arakawa New York Gen. Manager



Takeo Arakawa

Takeo Arakawa has been appointed Nippon Kokan (NKK) New York general manager, succeeding Yoshikazu Asano, who has been named general manager, Heavy Industries Division, Tokyo.

NKK is Japan's number two steel producer and only integrated steelmaker - fabricator / constructor-shipbuilder. The company's fiscal 1973 sales (April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1974) were \$3,219,-411,000.

Mr. Arakawa was formerly general manager, export department, Iron and Steel Division, NKK Tokyo.

Joining the company in July 1964, he served as general manager, Corporate Planning Division, Tokyo until June 1966, when he was appointed general manager of the overseas project department. In April 1968, he was named general manager of the Iron and Steel Division export department.

Prior to joining NKK, Mr. Arakawa served in the Treasury Ministry of Japan. During his Ministry career, he occupied many overseas posts. A graduate of Tokyo University, Mr. Arakawa also attended St. Paul School in London.

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Ocean Drilling & Exploration Company and Japanese Industrial Land Development Company have announced that they have signed a letter of intent with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., Hiroshima, Japan, to construct the first unit of a new class of selfpropelled semisubmersible drilling rigs at an overall cost of \$46 million.

According to Hugh J. Kelly, president and chief operating officer of ODECO, the new unit —ODECO's 29th—will be named the Ocean Bounty and will have increased capacity over previously built rigs of its type.

"Mitsubishi has previously built two other rigs for ODECO and its Japanese partner, and we are looking forward to a completion date in about May 1976 for this newest unit", Mr. Kelly said.

The major changes in the Ocean Bounty over other similar units are the topside load capacity, which will be increased from 2,000 to 2,500 short tons, and the mooring capability, up to 3,000-feet water depth. The hulls will be lengthened somewhat, and the column diameters will also be increased in order to accomplish these improved capabilities.

Designed to operate in any drilling environment in waters anywhere in the world, the Ocean Bounty will have a lower hull length of 340 feet, a width of 262 feet and quarters for 83 men. Its combination chain-wire rope spread mooring system will enable it to drill from a floating position in water depths up to 1,500 feet, and with minor additions, to 3,000 feet for a drilling depth of 25,000 feet.

### Hills-McCanna To Supply Valves For LNG Ships

Hills-McCanna Company, Carpentersville, Ill. 60010, has received a contract totaling more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  million for ball valves to be used on the first giant U.S. carriers of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

The contract was awarded to Hills-McCanna by the Quincy Shipbuilding Division of General Dynamics Corporation. Initially, a total of seven General Dynamics LNG supertankers will be equipped with Hills-McCanna ball valves.

In announcing the contract, Hills-McCanna president Harry W. Wilcox Jr. noted that "U.S. demand for natural gas is increasing at approximately twice the rate of domestic supplies. To help relieve this shortage, American shipyards are expected to build more than 100 cryogenic supertankers to transport liquid natural gas from ports throughout the world. Selection of Hills-

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in the General Dynamics contract will be employed in elaborate cryogenic flow control systems aboard the new supertankers. Natural gas "liquefies" at minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit, and is kept colder than this temperature throughout all phases of cargo handling and containment. Hills-McCanna ball valves and other flow control components used on the giant ships will be specially built to manage the frigid LNG cargo.

General Dynamics' first supertanker, now under construction at Quincy, Mass., will transport LNG from Algeria to East Coast ports of the United States. Scheduled for completion in December 1975, it will carry 125,000 cubic meters of LNG—enough natural gas to heat a city of over one million population for a month.

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### Exxon Signs Intent For Drilling Vessel

Exxon USA, Houston, Texas 77002, has signed a letter of intent with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. to enter into contract negotiations for the construction of an Exxon-owned semisubmersible drilling vessel.

The vessel, intended for use off the U.S. West Coast and in the Gulf of Alaska, will be of a Friede & Goldman, Inc. design. It is anticipated that the unit will be in service by early 1977.

The unit will be capable of operating in waters up to 1,500 feet deep and drilling to depths of 25,000 feet.

J.F. Homer, former drilling manager of Exxon's New Orleans, La., offshore drilling organization, has been transferred to the company's headquarters drilling organization in Houston as marine equipment manager to coordinate the construction of Exxon's semisubmersible drilling vessel.

### APL-Everett Names James Wager President

The appointment of James E. Wager as president of APL-Everett Agencies, S.A., San Francisco, Calif., was announced by Norman Scott, president and chief executive officer of American President Lines and former president of APL-Everett Agencies, S.A.

Mr. Wager, who will continue as a vice president for American President Lines, will assume his new duties as president of APL-Everett Agencies, S.A. immediately. According to Mr. Scott, Mr. Wager will be based in San Francisco although his duties will involve extensive travel to maintain proper liaison between the offices in the Far East and San Francisco.

APL-Everett Agencies, S.A. is principally owned by American President Lines and is operated as a subsidiary company. Everett Steamship Corporation of Yokohama holds a substantial minority interest. APL-Everett Agencies, S.A. is a comprehensive service organization for customers of American President Lines in the Far East, responsible for husbanding APL vessels, traffic documentation, customer service and sales. Offices are located in Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Kobe, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Mr. Wager joined American Mail Line, which now operates as a division of American President Lines, in 1955. Last September, he was transferred to the San Francisco headquarters of American President Lines as vice president-administration, and was involved in the reorganization following the merger of the two companies. He holds a B.S. degree from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and has served in various seagoing positions in the merchant marine, and as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

### Subsidy Board Approves Sale Of The Independence

The sale of the passenger ship Independence to C.Y. Tung's Atlantic Far East Lines, Monrovia, Liberia, has been approved by the Maritime Subsidy Board. The vessel, for which \$2.9 million was paid, will operate under the Panamanian flag and will be used as either a passenger or cruise ship.

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#### Iotron Announces New Sales Office

Iotron Corporation of Bedford, Mass., manufacturer of the DIGI-PLOT<sup>®</sup> collision avoidance system, has announced the establishment of a sales office in the New York-Philadelphia area. The office, located in Howell, N.J., will be the headquarters of Iotron's sales manager, Victor H. Prushan. According to John C. Herther, Iotron's president, the move better enables the company to serve the marine community by having one of its key marketing people located close to the major concentration of shipowners in the United States.

The mailing address for the new office is Iotron Corporation, P.O. Box 593, Howell, N.J. 07731. Telephone (201) 367-6160. Since joining lotron in 1973, Mr. Prushan has concentrated his efforts on DIGIPLOT sales to commercial ship operators in the United States and Europe, either directly or through supervision of established distributors and sales agents. This activity will continue from the New Jersey office.

Overall marketing and field service management, under the direction of James S. Coolbaugh, vice president, will be retained at the company's headquarters, 5 Alfred Circle, Bedford, Mass. 01730.

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#### SteelShip Corporation Appoints Raymond Dyson



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Edward D. Fry, president of AlumaShip/SteelShip Corporations with shipyards in Jeanerette, La., and Pine Bluff, Ark., announced that Raymond N. Dyson has been hired as personnel/ training director for SteelShip Corporation.

Mr. Dyson received his B.S. degree in art education in 1968 from Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. In his new position with SteelShip, he brings two years of experience as a shipyard supervisor, and several years of experience in the educational field.

Mr. Dyson is responsible for interviewing and testing all job applicants and hiring all new production employees. He has complete responsibility for setting up and operating all formal and on-the-job training programs. SteelShip's new training program includes safety, shipfitting, blueprint reading, and vertical, flat, and overhead welding.

SteelShip Corporation of Pine Bluff, Ark., specializes in river pushboats, with stock models under construction in 50-foot, 60foot and 80-foot sizes. AlumaShip Corporation of Jeanerette, La., builds aluminum passenger vessels and workboats up to 125 feet in length. They have stock model design crewboats in the 65-foot, 90-foot and 100-foot sizes, and build catamaran vessels in 65foot, 80-foot and 100-foot sizes. Both corporations also build custom vessels to owners' specifications, or designed by "in house" engineering staffs.

Inquiries concerning any of AlumaShip/SteelShip Corporations' products or services should be directed to **Douglas L. Oehrlein**, Marketing Director, Route 4, Box 167, Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601, telephone (501) 536-0362.



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#### Paul A. Doorley Named Permali Ltd. Director



Paul A. Doorley

A.A. Heath, chairman of Permali Limited, parent company of an international group of technical plastics manufacturers with headquarters in Gloucester, England, has announced that **Paul A**. **Doorley** has been named a director of the publicly held company listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Mr. Doorley has been the president of Permali, Incorporated, Mount Pleasant, Pa., since 1963, with responsibility for all North American operations, including manufacturing facilities in Mount Pleasant; Kirkland, Wash., and Ontario, Canada.

Commenting, Mr. Heath said: "This appointment acknowledges the importance and growing contribution of our North American interests in Permali Group's affairs."

The Permali International Group consists of closely related corporations with manufacturing plants in major trading countries of the free world. In addition to the United Kingdom and North American companies, the affiliated firms include S.A. Permali, Nancy, France; Permali-Wallace, Bhopal, India, and Permali Torrance (Pty) Ltd., Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Group companies manufacture a broad range of technical plastic components with applications in high-voltage electrical equipment, electrical distribution and transmission, nuclear generating and petrochemical plants, commercial aircraft, ships, and many industrial and recreational industries.



GIANT TUG LAUNCHED: The push-tug portion of a \$13.5-million tug-barge combination being constructed for Seabulk Tankers, Ltd., general partner of Port Everglades Towing Co., both of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is shown coming down the ways from Kelso Shipyard in Galveston, Texas. This tug makes a rigid connection with the 588-foot tank barge already launched. In combination, the unit will be about 629 feet in length overall and have a beam of 95 feet, making it perhaps the world's largest such unit. The oceangoing integrated tug and barge features a cargo capacity of about 320,000 barrels and will be able to move at about 14.6 knots. The CATUG system is a new concept in marine transportation and seeks performance equal to a ship of comparable size and power, with lower capital investment and reduced operating costs. The tug unit has the capability to disengage itself from the cargo section, which allows it to leave the tank barge for loading or unloading. The tug can then lock onto an identical barge and again be under way without having to wait for the loading or unloading process. The first of three CATUG integrated tug-barge units is being built by the Galveston yard. It will be operated under the American flag for the transportation of petroleum products in U.S. coastal trade.



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#### Delmar Towing Associates Applies For Title XI To Build 6 Offshore Tugs

The Maritime Administration has received a request for construction loan and mortgage insurance to build six offshore tugboats. The application was filed by Delmar Towing Associates, 1001 Kinhook Road, Lafayette, La. The vessels will be built by Delmar Systems, Inc., La Rose, La., and operated by Gulf Overseas Marine Company, another Delmar affiliate. The 3,600-bhp tugs will have a length of 110 feet, a beam of 32 feet, and 14½ feet in depth.

#### PFEL Requests Title XI For 66 LASH Lighters To Be Built By Equitable

A Title XI request to build 66 LASH lighters has been received by the Maritime Administration from Pacific Far East Line, Inc. Equitable Equipment Co., New Orleans, La., is slated to construct the steel lighters. The construction cost is estimated at \$4 million.

#### Kerr Steamship Names Holmes And Cameron To San Francisco Posts

The appointment of Carl L. Holmes as Pacific regional sales manager has been announced by Kerr Steamship Co., Inc. Mr. Holmes has been in the marketing and sales management field for 15 years.

It was also announced that Ladner N. Cameron has been named national equipment manager. Mr. Cameron will administer corporate maintenance and repair policies in support of the equipment inventory of Kerr principals.

The new appointees will be based in San Francisco, Calif.

### Capt. G.H. Davis, USN Heads Naval Science

#### At Kings Point Academy

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y., has announced the appointment of Capt. George H. Davis, USN, as head of its department of naval science.

No stranger to Kings Point, Captain Davis is a graduate of the class of 1948. He will head the department at the Academy, which prepares midshipmen for commissions as ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve upon graduation. Midshipmen also receive U.S. Coast Guard licenses as either third mates or third assistant engineers, and Bachelor of Science degrees.

Captain Davis accepted a commission in the U.S. Navy in 1952,

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and served at sea on numerous types of vessels, including cruisers, aircraft carriers, minesweepers, destroyers and tenders. He also commanded the USS Laffey (DD-724) and the USS Everglades (AD-24).

Ashore, Captain Davis has been assigned as an instructor at the New York State Maritime College, Fort Schuyler, N.Y., at the Bureau of Naval Personnel in Washington, D.C., and at the Naval War College at Newport, R.I.

A native of Pulaski, N.Y. Captain Davis has also served with the Joint Military Advisory Group, Thailand, and has been assigned to the Staff of the Commander of the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific. His most recent tour was as Deputy Commander, Logistics Support Directorate, Naval Ordnance Systems Command, Washington, D.C.

# Norton, Lilly & Co.

#### **Appoints Haggerty VP**

Norton, Lilly & Co., has named John J. Haggerty as vice president of the firm, according to a recent announcement.

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#### Lykes Names Martinez To SEABEE Division

**R.T. Martinez** of New Orleans has been appointed director of tonnage control for the SEABEE Division of Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc., it was announced by **Stewart A. LeBlanc Jr.**, vice president of the SEABEE Division. Mr. Martinez, a 17-year veteran of Lykes, recently returned from Europe where his assignment included posts in London and Antwerp, covering a span of 11 years. He is a graduate of Tulane University, New Orleans.

Mr. Martinez has been indentified with the Lykes SEABEE System ever since its inauguration between U.S. Gulf ports and United Kingdom and Continental Europe in 1972. The unique SEA-BEEs are huge intermodal barge and container transports, and Lykes has the only SEABEEs in the world.

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SEABEE barges are increasingly penetrating the inland waterways systems of both the United States and Europe, said Mr. LeBlanc. Each SEABEE transport can load two barges simultaneously with its 2,000-ton submersible stern elevator.

### Fruehauf Reports Earnings Increase

#### For Six-Month Period

**Robert D. Rowan**, president and chief executive officer of Fruehauf Corporation, has announced that for the six months ended June 30, net earnings reached \$21,989,870, up from \$16,633,053 for the corresponding period last year, while sales increased to \$657,707,510 from \$322,261,950 in the first half of 1973. Earnings per common share were slightly reduced at \$1.85 per common share, compared to \$1.89 in the first six months last year.

Second quarter net earnings increased to \$11,514,651, from \$8,615,736 in the second quarter of 1973 on sales of \$337,078,732, up from \$164,758,442. Earnings per common share were \$0.97 compared to \$0.98 last year because of additional shares outstanding.

"Our trailer order backlog now extends into the first quarter of 1975," Mr. Rowan indicated. "All of our operations showed volume increases over the same period of the previous year while our profits were adversely affected by parts shortages, material price increases, and higher interest rates. Even with these problems, earnings per common share were comparable to those in the second quarter and first six months of 1973."

Fruehauf's Maryland Shipbuilding and Drydock Division took delivery on June 15 of the largest floating drydock on the East and Gulf Coasts. The drydock was commissioned on July 20, and represents a significant factor in the continued expansion of Fruehauf's maritime business.

Mr. Rowan said: "We anticipate a continuation of the problems which affected our first six months' figures. Results for the remainder of the year will be contingent upon the availability of materials and the outcome of negotiations on several major labor contracts."

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#### ODECO Announces Major Personnel Changes

At the bimonthly meeting of the board of directors on July 23, 1974, Ocean Drilling & Exploration Company, New Orleans, La. 70160, announced major personnel changes in its corporate organization.

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vice president, has been named president and chief operating officer.

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Terry Petty Jr., formerly manager of ODECO's new rig construction division, has been named president and chief operating officer of ODECO Engineers, Inc., the company's new design and engineering subsidiary.

Messrs. Kelly, Kilpatrick and Troxell have also been named to ODECO's board of directors.

Other officers of the new subsidiaries will be announced later.



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#### Kerr Steamship Names James A. Blackmore To Northwest Operations



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The managing directors of Kerr Steamship Company, Inc., have announced the appointment of James A. Blackmore as assistant vice president in charge of Kerr's Pacific Northwest Division. He will be headquartered in Seattle, Wash., where O.J. Abello has been promoted to the newly created position of vice president.

The largest shipping agency in North America, Kerr has offices in 24 cities. The divisional office in Seattle directs operations in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia.

A native of Foamlake, Saskatchewan, Canada, Mr. Blackmore completed his education in Seattle and worked there for General Steamship Corporation before joining Kerr in 1964. In 1968, he opened Kerr's first office in western Canada, at Vancouver, British Columbia. For the past 1½ years, Mr. Blackmore has served as vice president for Phoenix Container Liners, Ltd., San Francisco, Calif.

Kerr's Western activities are under the direction of G.S. Jones, San Francisco. Other managing directors of the nationwide company are J.S. McDermott, Houston, in charge of the Gulf Coast Region, and S.M. Dillon, New York, East Coast and Atlantic services.

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SPARROWS POINT, MD. On January 23, the initial keel section for a 265,000-dwt tanker was laid in the big building basin at Bethlehem's shipyard here. The vessel, the first of a series of five similar VLCC tankers under contract at the yard, will be the largest ship ever built in the United States. Scheduled for delivery in 1975, she will have an overall length of 1,100 ft, a breadth of 178 ft, a summertime freeboard draft of 67 ft, one in., and will be capable of carrying 2,035,000 barrels of oil in her 21 tanks (two of which carry clean ballast). Cruising radius will be 20,000 miles at the design speed of 151/4 knots.

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basin to an outfitting pier, the second hull's stern section is floated to the vacated outboard end of the basin for further, bow-section work, and construction is begun on a following hull by the laying of a stern keel in the basin's shore end. When the final 120,000-dwt vessel is floated out in mid-year, basin work will be given over exclusively to the 265,000-dwt tanker



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#### SNAME Issues Call For Papers

#### For 1975 Annual Meeting in N.Y.

The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers has issued a call for papers for its 1975 Annual Meeting to be held in New York City on November 13-15, 1975.

Papers on the following subjects are particularly desired; however, submittal of abstracts on other topics of interest to the marine industry is also encouraged.

**Ro/Ro ships**—state of the art, operational experience, design.

New barge-carrying ships—operational experience, design.

LNG ships—operational experience.

Assessment of subsidy under the Merchant Marine Act of 1970

Tanker explosions—history and developments.

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The announcement was made by **Eugene D.** Story, company president, who said that the contract was signed with the U.S. Maritime Administration. MMS, headquartered in Stamford, Conn., designs and implements computer-based management systems for the international marine transportation industry.

In recent years, Mr. Story said, MarAd's Office of Commercial Development has been sponsoring advanced technological programs in satellite communications as part of an overall effort to improve the competitive position of American-flag shipping companies. A satellite communication facility, established at the National Maritime Research Center, Kings Point, N.Y., is used for conducting tests to improve the management tools available to operators of the U.S. merchant fleet.

He said that the contract calls for development of fleet management techniques, in cooperation with participating shipping companies, and the operation of a Maritime Coordination Center at Kings Point.

Under the terms of the contract, he explained, MMS will conduct tests initially involving satellite terminals aboard two vessels on two North Atlantic routes using the NASA ATS-6 and ATS-5 satellites. Later, the tests will be extended to include 10 or more U.S. ships in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans using the MARISAT commercial system being developed by ComSat General, RCA Globcom, ITT, and Western Union International.

MMS-developed computer/communication systems are presently in operation internationally. They incorporate—on an interactive basis—minicomputers, an international network time-sharing system, and commercial communication satellites.





#### Mitsui Delivers Third Hovercraft To Sanzo



The Angel No. 3 has a maximum speed of about 62 mph.

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This hovercraft can accommodate 52 passengers, and will be operated by Airport Hovercraft Co., Ltd. of Kyushu, to be placed on the coastal service route in the Bay of Kagoshima in Kyushu (Southern part of Japan), where the company already has two identical ones in service since 1972.

This route covers the distance of about 37 miles between the city of Kajiki near the new Kagoshima airport, and Ibusuki, near the southern tip of the island of Kyushu. The new addition to the fleet was mainly prompted by the fact that the Ibusuki area has recently become a popular year-round tourist spot, and an additional vessel became necessary to cope with the growing number of tourists. And Sanzo Co. has plans to further enlarge this fleet, should circumstances so demand in the future.

There are at present a total of nine Mitsui hovercraft, including the Angel No. 3, serving various domestic routes.

#### Cooper-Bessemer Awarded \$18 Million To Supply Gas Turbines For Pipeline

Cooper-Bessemer, a division of Cooper Industries, Inc., Houston, Texas 77002, received a letter of intent from Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for the purchase of 14 Coberra gas turbines for installation on the Trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

In announcing the award, Cooper Industries' president **Robert Cizik** estimated the contract at between \$15 million and \$18 million, depending on the final configuration of the equipment.

According to Mr. Cizik, the 14 units of this order, combined with 10 turbines previously purchased from Cooper-Bessemer, represent 324,000 horsepower and will provide delivery capacity of 1.2-million barrels of oil per day.

Alyeska nominally rates these units at 13,500 horsepower. There will initially be eight pump stations along the route of the 800-mile 48-inch-diameter pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to the port city of Valdez. Three turbines will be located at each station. These stations are spaced from 40 to 210 miles apart.

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Western Company of North America has received approval from the Maritime Administration for an increase of \$4 million in Title XI mortgage insurance covering construction of a semisubmersible drilling rig. Instead of the original plan to operate at 600 feet in the North Sea, the new plan is to drill in 1,200 feet of water in the Gulf of Mexico. The increase was needed to cover additional drilling equipment necessary to do this. The new guarantee is \$28.7 million.

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The Maritime Administration has received an application from Farrell Lines Incorpo-rated of New York, N.Y., for construction subsidy to aid in rebuilding its newest containerships-the Austral Envoy, Austral Ensign, Austral Endurance and Austral Entente. The four ships would be enlarged by inserting a new 144-foot midbody that would provide three additional holds for refrigerated containers, and fitting new container-securing devices that would permit higher stacking on deck.

Farrell Lines estimates the cost of the expansion at \$12.8 million per ship. No shipyard was named in the application.

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Kockums, Malmo, Sweden, Europe's largest shipyard and supertanker builder, will build a mini-sub to serve as a rescue vessel for the crews of standard-size submarines disabled undersea.

The newly designed \$2,700,000 underwater rescue vessel (URV), ordered by the Swedish Defense Material Administration, will be ready for delivery in 1977.

For Kockums, which for years has been producing submarines for the Royal Swedish Navy, the mini-sub will be its first. Kockums, with an eye to the future, considers the minisub as a step into civilian underwater technology. Planners at Kockums, now turning out a series of 360,000-deadweight-ton tankers. believe that its experience with the rescue vessel can lead the innovative shipyard into the growing field-demand-for small submarines for inspection of offshore oil field, underwater pipelines, etc.

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Measuring 44 feet long, 14 feet at beam, and 13 feet high, the mini-sub will have a diving depth of 1,510 feet, which is the maximum depth of the Baltic Sea. The URV will have a maximum speed of 3 knots. Utilizing the air cleaning system, the URV can stay submerged for 40 hours. At 2 knots' speed, the endurance time will be 10 hours.

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The rescue submersible will be stationed and operated from the new Royal Swedish Navy Center to be constructed just south of Stockholm, and to serve as a diver training center. Comex will deliver a decompression chamber for the Center, and Kockums will set up other installations.

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