The M/V NEDLLOYD ROUEN, a vessel of Nedlloyd Lines, made her first call to the Port of Houston recently. J. van Baarle, President of Nedlloyd Inc., USA and John S. Leotta, Vice President from Rotterdam, made a special trip to Houston to welcome the vessel. The unique roll on/roll off ship will join the fleet of ro-ro vessels and multi-purpose ships in an expanded direct service to the Mid-Low. While in port the captain of the vessel was presented a color plaque of the Port of Houston to commemorate the occasion. Showing during the presentation are from left; Roland Garrett, Line Manager, Strachan Shipping Co.; Mr. van Baarle; Captain G.A. Egmond, Master of the Vessel, and Bill Cook, Western Sales Manager, Port of Houston.

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The maiden run will be made by the M.S. NEDLLOYD ROUEN, which will sail from Genoa on Dec. 22 and Marseilles on Dec. 23 and will call at U.S. North Atlantic and Gulf ports.

Following will be other ro/ro ships including the NEDLLOYD BALTIMORE, M.S. NEDLLOYD BAHRAIN, and the M.S. NEDLLOYD BANKOK. These are said to be the largest multi-purpose carriers afloat. Each is 567 feet long and is 21,500 dwt.

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December, 1978
Port Commissioner Marcela Perry and Executive Director George W. Altvater were in Sydney, Australia recently to attend the 26th Biennial Conference of the Australian Port Authorities. While there, Altvater presented a well-received paper on Port pricing. They are shown eighth and tenth from left seated in the front row of the picture. Between them is Stanley Moore, President of the organization and Chairman of the Port of Melbourne Commission. To Mrs. Perry's left is John Wallace, Chairman of the Port of Sydney Commission and host for the conference.

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Several executives of Bank Line Ltd. were in Houston recently and the Port Authority took them on a tour of the Houston Ship Channel aboard the inspection vessel SAM HOUSTON. Shown aboard the boat, from the left, J.R. Curtis, Director of Port Operations for the Port; C.A. Rousser, Port Director of Trade Development; Mickey Lane, Vice President of Strachan Shipping Co., agents for Bank Line; Lewis Homberg, Senior Vice President, Strachan Shipping Co.; Tom Adams of Savannah, President of Strachan; Rosemary Peters; Andrea Adams; Lord Inverforth, Chairman of Andrew Weir and Co. (Bank Line Ltd.); Alistair McNab, Owner's Representative of Bank Line North America; Lord Inverforth; Mrs. Lewis Homberg; Barry Peters; Director of Bank Line; and Mary McNab.

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Maritime Honors
Seaman's Action

F.X. McNerney, Central Region Director of the Maritime Administration, presented the nation's highest Merchant Marine Award, the Department of Commerce's Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal and Citation, to Robert L. Koncher, an AB Seaman with EXXON, USA's, Marine Department.

The award was in recognition of Mr. Koncher's courageous fire fighting efforts when, in the early morning hours on January 27, 1977, a large fire occurred aboard his vessel, the SS EXXON SAN FRANCISCO, while docked at EXXON'S Baytown Refinery on the Houston Ship Channel.

Mr. Koncher was on duty on the bow of the vessel when fire erupted. He immediately responded to the emergency by quickly activating fire fighting equipment. Even though while one side of the vessel was almost completely engulfed in flames, he remained on board to fight the fire without direction from his supervisors. He continued to stay and fight the flames when joined by other members of the crew and shoreside fighting personnel. His actions were directly responsible for limiting the fire damage on board, as well as directing others to safety.

The Maritime Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce since 1950, is charged with developing and maintaining a U.S. -flag merchant marine capable of meeting the nation's waterborne foreign and domestic shipping requirements in times of peace and providing logistical support to the armed forces in times of national emergencies.

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Classes will start January 15, and the registration period is January 3-5, at the campus where the course will be taught.

Several of the International Trade & Transportation courses to be offered in the Spring 1979 semester will be:

- CTD 1323 International Trade, Wednesday nights, Bellaire Campus.
- CTD 1302 Economic Geography, Monday nights, Bellaire Campus.
- CTD 1311 Classification procedures and rate computation-Motor, Thursday nights, Austin Campus.
- CTD 1312 Classification procedures and rate computation-Rail, Tuesday nights, Bellaire Campus.
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APL's new Southern Region headquarter office is at 608 Fannin St., Suite 200. Previously, APL's activities in the Houston area were handled by TMT Shipping and Chartering, Inc. Other APL offices in the Southern Region include Dallas, Memphis, New Orleans, Atlanta, Savannah, Charleston and Miami.

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Ocean Power

A University of Texas marine biologist is convinced that after more than 10 years of experimentation, he can get an underdeveloped country off to a fast start with an ocean complex that can provide food, electrical power and fresh water.

Oswald A. Roels said Thursday he expects to hear soon from one of two large industrial groups giving him approval for the project.

"I think there is no doubt that it will come to fruition," said Roels. "I have worked on it for 10 years and I will see it through."

He was interviewed after presenting a paper on the project at an International Conference on Bio Resources for Development at the University of Houston. The conference was attended by some 80 scientists from 14 countries.

Roels' proposal is more than a paper project. For the past decade he has been working with a small pilot plant on the north shore of Saint Croix, Virgin Islands.

"For the last two years, we have been working in a power plant fashion, so we know what we are doing," said Roels, who is director of mariculture research at the university's marine science laboratory in Port Aransas.

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Strange, General Manager, Houston Port Bureau, Inc.; Bill Cherry, Auditor, Port Terminal Railroad
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Customs Region Receives Award

The Houston Customs Region has been presented the Management Cost Reduction Award given annually by the Houston Federal Executive Board. The plaque was accepted for the Customs Service by Robert A. Webster, Assistant Regional Commissioner for Administration. It was presented by John L. Carey, Federal Executive Board Chairman, at the Federal Executive Board Annual Awards Program Luncheon in Houston.

The award was given for increased productivity and efficiency in day to day operations, improved services to the public, and increased management effectiveness.

Vanna Is Named Division E.V.P.

John A. Vanna has been named Executive Vice President for the Americas Division of Sea-Land Service, Inc.

In his new position, he will be responsible for all marketing and operations activities within the Americas group, which encompasses containerized shipping services linking Puerto Rico, the Caribbean islands and Central America with Sea-Land's worldwide network.

Mr. Vanna joined Sea-Land in 1963. Since that time, he has held several positions throughout Asia and the U.S. within the Company's Pacific Division. Part of the R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. organization, Sea-Land operates container ship service to 15 Caribbean islands as well as to Puerto Rico and Central America.

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Sea-Land To Build 12 New Ships

Sea-Land Service, Inc., has signed contract with three shipbuilding firms to construct 12 containerships as part of a comprehensive $580 million modernization program.

The new ships - to be classed D-9's - will be capable of carrying 839 40-foot containers each. They will be powered by diesel engines and operate at speeds of 22 knots. The D-9 vessel represents a 50 per cent improvement in fuel efficiency compared to a U.S. -flag steam turbine vessel of comparable size and speed.

The vessels, which will fly the U.S. flag and be manned by American crews, are targeted for delivery in 1980.

New Pontoon

Hapag-Lloyd Transport & Service/ Lütgens & Reimers have taken delivery in Bremerhaven of the giant pontoon “P 10” with a capacity of 25,000 tons, the largest in Germany and one of the largest in the world, John Springer of Houston, President of Biehl & Co. Agents, said.

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