

BRISTOW FLEET GETS

BIG SIKORSKY S-61Ns

FOR MALAYSIA CONTRACT

BRISTOW HELICOPTERS recently announced the purchase of two Sikorsky S-61N (Mark II) helicopters at a cost of £1.3 million, with spares. The Sikorskys, the largest passenger-carrying civil helicopters in the western world, are being transported from the USA to Malaysia where they will undertake off-shore oil exploration support work under contract to Esso Exploration Inc.

At the end of February, the new helicopters will replace Gnome Whirlwinds at Bristow's Kuala Trengganu base 200 miles north east of Kuala Lumpur. They will service oil rigs positioned up to 170 miles out to sea and are capable of carrying up to 26 passengers compared with the Gnome Whirlwind's capacity of 10 passengers.

The Sikorsky S-61N is the biggest helicopter to be acquired by Bristows. Delivery of the two machines brings the Bristow fleet total to 125 helicopters 13 of which are stationed in South East Asia (Malaysia and Indonesia) on oil exploration work. Bristow, the largest international helicopter group, is undertaking contracts in 17 countries throughout the world.

VIEWING CLAN LINE CAREERS



On December 1, a party of senior area youth employment officers from Northern Ireland, visited Clan Macgillivray when they were shown over the vessel by Captain P. Kent. Mr. J. N. Hamilton (centre), selection officer at the British Shipping Federation, Belfast, headed the party which was looking into careers at sea

INTER-OCEAN CLUB ACTIVE

The Inter-Ocean Club, formed to bring together shipping's interliners, has been very active during the winter. Passenger staffs of many shipping lines in the UK met in London on February 6 for their annual dinner dance. Guest of honour was Mr. E. A. C. Howells, Southampton's chief docks manager.

Union-Castle's sales promotion manager, Mr. A. E. Niven, gave a talk on sales promotion at the first of a series of monthly Inter-Ocean lectures on January 21. There is also a series of informal Friday gatherings, the next scheduled for March 6.

Passenger staff who want more details of the club or its programme should contact Mr. Peter Self (club chairman) at Rotherwick House.

| | Southampton Castle | Good Hope Castle |
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| | <i>Left Southampton December 5 for South Africa</i> | <i>Left Southampton December 26 for South Africa</i> |
| CARGO MAIL SERVICE | | |
| Master | I Shearer | H. Charnley |
| Chief Officer | J. Beavan | R. Kenyon |
| Second Officer | J. Simpson | E. Bremner |
| Extra Second Officer | F. Murray | S. Ivey |
| Third Officer | G. McLaren | M. Savage |
| Cadets | F. Phillips | N. Middlehurst |
| | R. Dawson | D. Daley |
| | P. Henson | A. Lukes |
| | C. Bajian | G. Thomson |
| Boatswain | T. Collett | A. Weaver |
| Chief Radio Officer | J. Blackwell | D. Withers |
| Chief Engineer Officer | A. MacIntyre | J. Forbes |
| First Engineer Officer | P. Snadden | P. Lovell |
| Second Engineer Officer | J. Halliday | J. Davies |
| Junior Second Engineer Officers | W. Croston | J. Robertson |
| | J. Rockett | B. Cook |
| Junior Engineer Officers | D. Milne | W. Saberton |
| | W. MacIntyre | G. Liddell |
| | S. Harris | D. Brown |
| Engineer Officer Cadets | D. Patterson | J. Thomlinson |
| | N. Cole | R. Hutton |
| Chief Refrigerating Engineer Officer | L. Block | M. Thomas |
| Chief Electrical Engineer Officer | M. Mann | C. Tingley |
| Second Electrical Engineer Officer | J. McVey | A. May |
| Purser/Catering Officer | R. Jones | W. Parr |
| Assistant Purser/Catering Officer | C. Haysom | K. Hanson |
| Chef | C. Jones | A. Dawson |
| Senior Mechanics | F. Taylor | J. Warman |
| | B. Darbyshire | W. Richards |
| | D. Hughes | W. Davies |

BRISTOW CAPTAIN IS PILOT OF THE YEAR

CAPTAIN P. P. SMITH, a pilot with Bristow Helicopters has been named 'Pilot of the Year' by the Helicopter Association of America to mark the part he played in rescuing 19 men from a sinking North Sea drilling rig. He was presented with the award in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Captain Smith and a crew of three, flying in a Rolls Royce-powered Westland Wessex 60 helicopter from Bristow's base near Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, made two flights to the drilling rig *Constellation* which was being hit by gale force winds in the North Sea last November. Shortly after 19 men were taken off the rig capsized and sank. During the flights which lasted more than seven hours Captain Smith faced a snow storm. The rig was also being hit by mountainous seas. With Captain Smith were his co-pilot Captain John Hall and crewmen Dick Drake and Tony Marshall.

This is the first time that the 'Pilot of the Year' award has been given to a British pilot.