

group trade review

SHIPPING

Everett F. Wells

Everett F. Wells left Cuxhaven, Germany on July 7 for the Persian Gulf via Capetown after completing a successful sea trial. She will be trading from the Gulf to Curacao in the Caribbean and a round voyage will take about two months.

Everett F. Wells, owned by Ashland Oil Inc., is being managed by Cayzer Irvine & Co. Ltd. Technicon Consultancy and Services Ltd. have supervised the building of the vessel at the Swan Hunter Shipyard and the Consultancy section of Technicon will continue to provide technical assistance on guarantor matters while the Technicon Superintendent division will be responsible for the operation and repairs of the vessel including bridge instrumentation and electronics.

The new Ashland VLCC is a 263,000 tonnes deadweight tanker powered by single screw turbines. Measuring 332.6

metres in length, she is designed to carry 253,000 tonnes of crude oil in 18 cargo tanks. The four large cargo pumps are capable of discharging oil at a total rate of 16,000 tonnes per hour. These facilities combined with the oil loading drop lines permit, in either circumstance, a turn round of the vessel within one day.

Technicon Consultancy have obtained Lloyds Register unmanned engine room classification (UMS) for the vessel and they intend to operate, at sea, with no engineer officers in the engine room at night, total reliance being placed on the extensive alarm system to monitor the plant and advise the engineers of any malfunction. The vessel also features the latest bridge main engine control system which allows manoeuvring of the vessel entirely from the wheelhouse. The Everett F. Wells is also provided with comprehensive communications and

navigational aids which include "Decca" and "Omega" navigators—these giving both coastal and long range ship position fixes.

An inert gas system is installed to maintain a non-flammable and non-explosive atmosphere in the cargo tanks and special retention tanks for oil residues are fitted to reduce the possibility of pollution of the seas. The emergency diesel alternator is of sufficient capacity to get the vessel home at reduced revolutions should the main power supplies fail.

The well appointed deck house is designed to accommodate up to 40 people. For onboard entertainment the officers and crew music centres are also provided with in-port mono/colour television and colour video tape systems for use at sea. The ship has film projection facilities and an allocation of 78 films per annum.

Everett F. Wells. Picture: Turner's Photography.

