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TIE LINES – August 2000

AROUND THE PORT...

Exports bounced back and imports climbed in the first six months of the year as total container cargo volume at the Port of Long Beach rose to the equivalent of 2,173,255 20-foot container units, a 3.5 percent increase over the first six months of 1999.

Export volumes jumped to the highest levels since 1997, increasing to 531,944 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs), an 8.6 percent increase over the January-through-June period in 1999. Imports increased 5.6 percent to 1,156,267 TEUs. The number of empty containers fell 5.7 percent to 485,044 TEUs. In June, the total container volume increased less than 1 percent to 374,895 TEUs, as a decline in empties offset gains in imports and exports. Empties declined nearly 12 percent to 88,586 TEUs. Imports climbed 4.4 percent to 203,004 TEUs. Exports climbed 5.5 percent to 83,305 TEUs.

The Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners has adopted a \$538.1 million budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year beginning on Oct. 1. The spending plan is 9 percent more than last year's adopted budget because of major terminal expansion projects aimed at keeping pace with cargo growth.

The budget sets aside \$361 million in capital outlays including \$160.2 million for the next phase of a 375-acre container terminal project at the former Long Beach naval complex on Terminal Island. The spending plan also includes \$59 million for the next phase of a 160-acre container terminal project at Pier S, also on Terminal Island.

Operating revenues are expected to increase about 8 percent to \$217.4 million. Operating expenditures are expected to decline 2 percent to \$160.6 million. The budget next goes to the City Council for its approval.

The Port of Long Beach has joined the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, which promotes economic development and transportation improvements in southern Los Angeles County.

The port will participate as a non-voting member of the Council of Governments' 14-member Executive Committee, and as a participant on the Transportation Subcommittee. In addition, the port is a voting member on the I-710 Corridor Cities Committee.

Florida-based Americana Ships' weekly Maxpac service has begun calling at the International Transportation Service terminal on Pier J at the Port of Long Beach. The trans-Pacific service had called previously at the Port of Los Angeles.

The service, a partnership of Lykes Lines and Transportacion Maritima Mexicana, calls in Hong Kong; Kaoshiung, Taiwan; Pusan, South Korea; Yokohama, Japan; Long Beach, and the Mexican ports of Ensenada and Manzanillo. Americana is deploying six 2,200-TEU ships in the service.

Americana also is part of a consortium that includes Maruba Lines and Columbus Line, which offers the Ampac Americas service. Americana and Maruba offer the Maxpac II service serving Asia, the United States, Mexico and South America. Both the Ampac and Maxpac II services call at the ITS terminal.

The Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority and the City of Huntington Park have dedicated the Zoe Avenue Bridge, one of two new vehicle and pedestrian crossings being built as part of the 20-mile-long rail cargo expressway between the waterfront and East Los Angeles rail yards.

The Corridor project also is building 27 new bridges at existing Alameda Street crossings in the project's "mid-corridor trench" area. The Zoe Avenue Bridge opened to traffic on June 29. The entire \$2.4 billion Corridor project is scheduled to be completed in April 2002.

Sea Launch, an international consortium based at the Port of Long Beach, has successfully completed its third launch, delivering a four-ton communications satellite into orbit on July 28.

From a mobile launch platform at the equator, Sea Launch rocketed a PAS-9 satellite built by Hughes Space and Communications into orbit for PanAmSat to deliver television, internet and data transmissions.

Toyota Motor Sales has presented a 1999 Toyota Quality Award to "K" Line as its best ocean import carrier. The presentation was made at Toyota's annual Southern California Logistics Partners award banquet.

Cal State Long Beach's extension program is offering a five-module course in global logistics from Aug. 9 through Dec. 16. Course topics include the international supply chain, logistics management, government regulation, risk management, letters of credit and customer service.

Classes are held at the World Trade Center in downtown Long Beach. The fee for the entire program is \$2,600. For more information, call (562) 449-2160.

Hazardous materials and waste manifest training are the subject of a Cal State Long Beach extension class from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 27 at the World Trade Center in Long Beach. This training is required for all workers who handle hazardous or waste material.

The fee is \$125. For more information, call (562) 499-2160.

“Security in the Container Age” is the topic for the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce general membership luncheon Aug. 10 at the West Coast Long Beach Hotel. A panel of experts, including Port of Long Beach Security Director Robert M. Barker, will discuss hazard material spills, personnel security clearances, illegal drugs and stowaways.

For more information, call (310) 417-3929.

The Foreign Trade Association of Southern California will hold its 28th annual golf tournament on Aug. 21 at the Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena. For more information, call (213) 627-0634.

PORT PEOPLE . . .

Departing Long Beach Councilman Jeff Kellogg was honored last month as he completed his final council term and stepped down as chairman of the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority. Kellogg was succeeded as ACTA chairman by Los Angeles City Councilman **Rudy Svorinich Jr.**

Kellogg, who left office after 12 years because of Long Beach term limits, was the longest-serving member of the ACTA governing board. He joined the board at its inception in 1989.

Capt. John Holmes has taken command as captain of the port at the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety office in Long Beach.

Holmes succeeded Commander **George Cummings**, who temporarily took command after the retirement of Capt. **George Wright**. Cummings returns to his previous assignment as the Coast Guard's Long Beach-Los Angeles executive officer.

The Propeller Club has named Deborah Harding of Shey-Harding & Associates as its chairwoman. The new president is **Chris Minus** of Stevedoring Services of America; **Scott Duncan** of J.A. Jacobsen & Associates is the vice president and **Frank Divona** of Metropolitan Stevedore Co. is the secretary-treasurer.

International Transportation Service Inc. has announced the retirements of company advisor Masaaki Fumoto and executive vice president Capt. J. Taketomi. Some of Taketomi's duties will be assumed by ITS's secretary/treasurer **Yuji Yamamoto**.

Chris Dugan has been promoted to manager of oil transportation for Crowley Marine Services in Seattle. Dugan joined Crowley in 1997 as manager of customer service in Long Beach. He was later promoted to sales manager in the bulk petroleum business unit in Seattle.

James Sullivan has joined the Port of Long Beach as assistant chief wharfinger in the Trade & Maritime Services Division. Sullivan has worked for the U.S. Coast Guard; he was a stevedoring superintendent for Del Monte; and he was a wharfinger at the Port of Hueneme.

Joe Gonsalves, who founded the lobbying firm that represents the Port of Long Beach in Sacramento, died July 7. He was 80. In addition to founding the lobbying firm Joe A. Gonsalves & Son, Gonsalves was a mayor and councilman for Dairy Valley, before it became Cerritos, and a state assemblyman.

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