J.R. Curtis, director of port operations for the Port of Houston Authority, addresses the capacity crowd that attended a recent seminar entitled "The Mechanics of Port Operations." The Houston Community College System sponsored the seminar, which was held at the Houston International Seaman's Center. The purpose of the discussion was to acquaint people with various aspects of port activities, such as the roles of carriers, export packers, port authorities, the United States Coast Guard and others who affect cargo movement. Sitting at the table are, from left, Lester Dray, commercial transportation and distribution coordinator for the Houston Community College System; Lou Nappi, port operations manager for Sealand Service, Inc., and Jack Henderson, West Gulf operations manager for Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc. Nappi and Henderson also were speakers for the program.

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Binnings, Dalton say companies will integrate

The boards of directors of E.S. Binnings, Inc., and Dalton Steamship Corporation have announced an agreement in principal to integrate the operations and services of the steamship agencies.

Joseph E. Hassinger, chairman and president of Binnings is heading a committee which has been named to formulate and implement plans for the integration. Committee members are John Dalton, chairman of the board of Dalton; T.C. Hanlong, Jr., vice president and general counsel of Binnings, and Robert Fitzsimmons, president of Dalton.

The agencies will operate independently under existing management until plans for the integration are completed.

Integration will spread total operations of the firms almost worldwide. Binnings handles services to South America, the Middle East and Africa. Dalton serves the Far East, the Mediterranean, the West Coast of South America, and Northern Europe.

Binnings was founded in 1930 by Earl S. Binnings. The firm is engaged in stevedoring and terminal operations as well as ship agency. Dalton was organized in 1956 by John Dalton, Sr. It offers principals a full range of terminal, car loading and unloading, stevedoring and equipment rental services.

Lykes manager honored for paper

A. Fred Babin, chief of intermodal pricing for Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc., has been honored by the American Society of Traffic and Transportation (AST&T) for writing the year’s best essay on a transportation-related topic. The original research paper was entitled, “The Role of Domestic Transport Rates and Services in an Ocean Carrier’s Cargo Generation Program.” Babin wrote the paper as part of his requirements for becoming a certified member in AST&T. He also was elected to the society’s board of directors.
Capt. and Mrs. Yaakov Finkelstein visited the Port of Houston recently as guests of Delta Steamship Lines. Capt. Finkelstein is the harbormaster of the Port of Haifa, Israel. He was interested in learning about the container facilities at Barbours Cut Terminal.

First box of tulip bulbs arrives here

Gulf Europe Express has announced that the first of 35 containers of tulip bulbs from the Netherlands has arrived at the Port of Houston, heralding the beginning of the tulip bulb shipping season.

The bulbs are shipped in Gulf Europe Express' 40-foot reefer containers, which maintain a constant required temperature of 60 degrees F. Upon arrival in Houston, the bulbs are transported by truck to Dallas, Memphis, Denver, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles.

Econocaribe appoints general sales manager

Econocaribe Consolidators, Inc., has announced the promotion of William J. Clarke to general sales manager. Clarke, who has served as sales manager of Econocaribe's Miami operation for the past 8 years, will be responsible for the coordination of national sales, encompassing a network of 16 offices and receiving terminals in the U.S.
Zim names North America sales chief

Zim-American Israeli Shipping Co., Inc., has announced the appointment of Saul Cohen-Mintz as senior vice president-marketing and sales/North America, stationed in the New York office.

Cohen-Mintz began his career with Zim in January, 1969, and has held various positions both in Israel and overseas. His most recent position was that of vice president/marketing and sales for Zim Container Service in the head office in Haifa. Prior to that he was stationed in the Far East regional office in Hong Kong where he held the position of vice president/marketing and sales.

Cohen-Mintz holds a degree in economics and has 18 years of experience.

Officers for 1982-83 were installed recently by the Propeller Club of the Port of Houston. Elected were, from left, F. William Colburn of the Port of Houston Authority, second vice president; CDR S.B. Barnett of Lykes Bros. Steamship Co., Inc., first vice president; C.L. Bills of Hollywood Marine, president, and W.D. Dunnahoe of the Port Authority, treasurer. New members of the Board of Governors are William M. Klyng of Texas Star Shipping, Co., Inc., Richard E. White of Shell Oil Company and Edward L. Horn of the Port Authority.
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