



UKRAINE'S STUDENT INTERNS VISIT WITH AMBASSADOR

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UKRAINE AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS

May 11 - 13 ... The newest equipment and elaborations of the leading ukrainian and foreign communications firms were the centre of attention of the participants in "NEOKOM-93" Conference and Exhibition. The Conference was organized by the US firm "NEOKOM" and the University of Kyiv. Among the participants were specialists of the international company "American Telephone and Telegraph", the European Space Agency, the German firm "Siemens", associations of government corporations specializing in communications technology, "Ukrtelecom", and the firm "Vector". Addressing the participants was the Minister of Communications, Oleh Prozhyvsky, who stressed that, at present, the issues were not solely limited to developments in the new communication technologies, but also in the formation of contracts with foreign firms. Three recently established joint ventures proved that investing in this area is profitable.

For example, the firm "Utell", formed by Ukrainian, American, Dutch, and German businessmen, already began fulfilling orders in 12 intercity telephone stations in the cities of Ukraine.

The exhibition "NEOKOM-93", organized by the European Space Agency, included the leading firms of Europe, North America, the CIS and the Ukrainian Ministry of Communication. Its aim was the development of communications in the central and Eastern Europe. Modern communications technology was demonstrated, such as the system of information transfer via satellite, method and technology of establishing telephone systems in rural areas, and other modern means of telecommunication.

UKRAINE TO HELP IRAN'S COAL INDUSTRY

May 6 ... Ukraine will upgrade Iran's coal industry and help in other mining project-sunder an agreement signed in Teheran.

The deal, signed by visiting Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister in charge of energy Yuli Yoffe and Iranian Mines and Metals Minister Mohammad Hussein Mahloujchi, also covered shipment via Ukraine of Russian iron ore to Iran, and Iranian oil exports to Ukraine. Iran is to sell four million tonnes of oil to Ukraine this year under a contract signed in February. Iran said in March it was extending a \$30 million line of credit to help finance the deal.

FRANCE TO HELP UKRAINE BUILD NUCLEAR PLANTS

May 7 ... France will help Ukraine build new nuclear power stations if Ukraine decides to continue construction of plants, a senior French official stated. "If the Ukrainian government can persuade society that their nuclear power stations are safe, we are ready to help Ukraine build new stations and close old ones," said Claude Villan, head of an Interministerial Mission on Cooperation with Central and Eastern Europe. The Ukrainian parliament banned construction of new power stations after the world's worst nuclear accident at Chernobyl seven years ago. But last month the government asked Parliament to lift the moratorium because of a deep energy crisis in the country. Ukraine's five nuclear power stations produce 30% of all electricity in the country. Villan said that France had already helped Ukraine in modernizing its nuclear power industry. France had given 100 million francs as technical aid to Ukraine to teach nuclear power specialists and local authorities.

GERMANY INTERESTED IN UKRAINE'S TANKER FLEET PROJECT

Meetings of a German delegation of financiers with the President of Ukraine in Kyiv have produced a commitment from