



the German Bank "Vidbudova" to assist Ukraine with the financing of its tanker fleet.

"The principal goal of our visit to Kyiv," said Bank director Hans Reich, "is to gather information on everything pertaining to the building of a tanker fleet in Ukraine. We have also studied the possibilities of investment in this vast field, the state of relations with firms which will have direct involvement in realization of the project, and many other issues. It became clear to us that the creation of a tanker fleet is imperative to your young country. It is equally understood, that without the participation of foreign firms in the construction of tankers, as well as in supervision of the program, the likelihood of success is minimal, as a result of the difficult economic situation facing your country today."

Mr. Reich remarked that talks with the President of Ukraine, Leonid Kravchuk, evoked optimism and interest in the directors of the bank, to carry out the tanker fleet project in Ukraine.

UKRAINE - MEMBER OF SPACE AGENCIES

April ... At the end of 1992, which was assigned as the Year of Space by the United Nations, the international community concluded that an organization to coordinate international cooperation in the field of space directly was necessary and inevitable. Such an organization was established and its constitutive assembly took place in Rome in April.

Among the 30 participants represented by 22 countries at this assembly was a Ukrainian delegation from NKAU, the National Space Agency of Ukraine. NKAU became a member of this organization, equal to the American, French, and other European agencies. During the forum, representatives of the member countries expressed an interest in the achievements of Ukrainian scientists, in

the specialists in field of space and in their prospective projects. As well, the foreign partner expressed an interest and readiness in collaboration.

UKRAINIAN EXPOBANK

The Kyiv Commercial Bank *Credit Financial Union* has opened EXPOBANK, an import-export bank with currency accounts in: DRESDEN BANK (Frankfurt/Main, Germany), VIENNA BANK GIROZENTRALE (Vienna, Austria), BERLINER BANK (Berlin, Germany), BANQUE NATIONALE DE PARIS (Paris, France) and the BANK FOR AGRICULTURAL CREDIT (Sofia, Bulgaria).

EXPOBANK plans, the near future, to start correspondent relations and to open currency accounts in Canada, USA, Hungary, Japan, Australia, Poland and other countries.

In accordance with its Statutes, EXPOBANK has the right to credit the Ukrainian and foreign currencies to a foreign account and in the form of bank deposits from Ukrainian and foreign natural and legal persons and organizations. EXPOBANK has the right to set up the current accounts types "A", "B" and "D".

- type "A" - current accounts and deposits in a foreign currency from which a free currency export and transfer abroad are allowed;
- types "B" and "D" - current accounts and deposits in a foreign currency to which a partial limitation of a currency export and transfer abroad is applied.

Additional information on EXPOBANK can be obtained by writing to:

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CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE TO AUTHENTICATE "MADE IN UKRAINE"

April 3 ... The Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations has informed the Canadian Ministry of External Affairs and International Trade of its decision to delegate authority to the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Ukraine and its regional branches to confirm and issue "MADE IN UKRAINE" certificates of origin of goods from Ukrainian enterprises. The decision, taken April 3, 1993, means that Canadian firms can request, through Canadian customs, the verification of certificate of origin of any Ukrainian firm directly through these organizations.

A up-to-date list of names and addresses of the organizations that have been authorized to-date by the Ukrainian government to acknowledge and sign Certificates of origin for goods from Ukraine can be obtained from the *Ukraine-Canada Policy and Trade Centre*.

ASSESSMENT OF MEDICAL EFFECTS OF CHORNOBYL

Ministry of Health of Ukraine

Seven Years after the Chornobyl Incident

One of the major ecological catastrophes of modern time — the accident at the Chornobyl nuclear power plant — has led to radioactive contamination of vast territories in Ukraine and serious medical consequences.

The scale of the catastrophe considerably exceeded initial prognosis and assessment. Besides land territories, the water reservoirs of the Dnipro river basin have been contaminated. The highest radioactive releases continue to be found in the populated area because of internal irradiation.

A consequence of the recognition that Chornobyl was a national Ukrainian catastrophe was the tabling of a new law: "On