WORLD NEWS

US Army resurrects HLH
Boeing Vertol is refurbishing its XCH-62 after nine years in open storage. The US Army, Darpa, and Nasa have allocated $71 million to complete the heavylifter and for 115hr of flight-tests, to start in late 1987. Note the diminutive-looking Chinook to the left

Soviet

defence

chiefs die
MOSCOW ~

Marshal Sergei Sokolov has
been appointed as successor
to the USSR's Defence Minis-
ter, Dmitri Ustinov, who died
on December 20.
Sokolov was the senior of
the three First Deputy
Defence Ministers, having
achieved that position in
| 1967. At 73—the same age as
Ustinov—his appointment is
most probably a temporary
L stopgap. Next in line are the

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new Chief of Staff, Marshal
Akhdomeneyev, and Marshal
Petrov, who are both 67.
Meanwhile, the USSR is
|+ selecting a new Air Forces
Commander following the
death last month of
I 70-year-old Chief Marshal of
| Aviation Pavel Kutakhov,
\ after 15 years in his post. Two
strong contenders for this
post are Marshal of Aviation

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A. N. Yefimov, currently First
Deputy Commander of the Air
Forces, and Chief Marshal
A. N. Kuldunov. Both are in
their mid-60s and both are
twice Heroes of the Soviet
Union.
Marshal of Aviation G. P.
Skorikov, the present Air
Force Chief of Staff, is also
a possible contender, and
Minister of Civil Aviation
B. P. Bugaev is seen as having
an outside chance.

Pentagon
calls for "Star

Wars" studies
WASHINGTON D.C. ~

The United States Depart-
ment of Defence has awarded
ten $1 million study contracts
to US aerospace/defence
industry teams to evaluate
future technologies for the
USA's Strategic Defence
Initiative (SDI), more popu-
larly known as "Star Wars".
Completion of the studies is

expected by mid-1985 when
several of the teams, perhaps
as many as three, will be
requested to extend their
studies to Phase Two which
will be the production of
prototype hardware.
The ten teams are: Hughes
Aircraft, with Avco, Becntel
National, GTE, and Pacific
Sierra; Lockheed (California)
with Honeywell, Raytheon,
Contel, SRS Technology, and
National Institute for Public
Policy; Martin Marietta, with
GA Technology and Logicon;
McDonnell Douglas (Hunt-
ington Beach), with Aerojet,
E-Systems, and R&D Associ-
ates; Rockwell International,
with Titan Systems; Teledyne
Brown Engineering; TRW;
General Research; SAIL-
Science Applications with
Booz, Allen & Hamilton, plus
Coleman Research; Sparta
and W. J. Schafer, plus
Nichols Research.

Boeings sell
Boeing now has its 14th
customer, Transavia of
Holland, for the 737-300, and
has sold a 747-300 to Cathay
Pacific.

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Space has many uses.
Flight's International
Satellite Directory details
commercial, military,
earth observation, and
scientific satellites.

"Operation Ice Cube" and
"The Antarctic shuttle"
spotlight Antarctic Hercu-
les operations by the Royal
New Zealand Air Force and
the US Navy. Peter
Middleton reports.

Court Republic Helicop-
ters operates a unique
service to ships rounding
the Cape of Good Hope.
Mike Gaines reports from
Cape Town.

British Airways-owned
Aerad is a mini Jeppesen.
It has a new specialisation
in cartography for oil
support operators, but does
it intend to expand? David
Learmount reports.