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On Aug. 3, about 100 students blocked access to the Universidad de Panama campus in a protest against passage through the Canal of an English ship carrying radioactive waste. The Saint Peter, owned by Pacific Nuclear Transport Ltd. (Britain), was scheduled to transit the channel at 9 a.m. on Aug. 5. According to an Aug. 2 statement by Green Peace, the radioactivity of the ship's cargo of burned reactor fuel is 45% greater than the contaminants released during the Chernobyl reactor accident. An accident during passage through the Canal, said Green Peace spokespersons, would be catastrophic. (Basic data from AFP, 08/03/90)

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