

'LAGO AZUL'

This vessel was built by Messrs. Wm. Doxford & Sons, Ltd. in 1917 and classed 100A1.

She was last submitted to the requirements of Special Survey in 1938.

The validity of the last "Examined" notation expired 10.44.

In December 1945 the vessel was found by the Swansea Surveyors to be in an unsatisfactory condition and it was then decided that she would be laid up indefinitely.

In April 1946, the Managers, Messrs. Rethymnis & Kulukundis, Ltd. informed this Office that the Owners intended to forego the vessel's ocean-going class because of the particular trade in which she was engaged, namely, between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean.

At their meeting on the 12th April, 1946, the Committee determined that the class should be deleted.

In a letter dated 8th instant from Mr. Bennett, it is stated that the vessel completed the Registro Italiano Special Survey No. 3 at Genoa in January 1950 and, further, that "the question of reclassing the vessel with this Society was discussed with one of the Owners, Mr. Scerni, now visiting New York, who stated that such a course would be acceptable to him provided this would not involve undue delay to the vessel and that some consideration be given to the aforementioned surveys. In view of the fact that the vessel was formerly classed with this Society and was so recently under Special Survey by the Registro Italiano (with which Society we now have a working agreement), it is thought the Committee might be agreeable to assigning a notation "reclassification contemplated" as a result of the survey now held at Philadelphia, with a view to assigning a 'reclassified' record, i.e., after the vessel has been seen in drydock next October. Perhaps you would be so good as to advise me of the Committee's minimum requirements in the special circumstances of the case, so that the matter may be further discussed with the Owners' Representative."

Copy of report of recent docking survey accompanies Mr. Bennett's letter.

In view of the obvious undesirability of relying on Surveys carried out by any other than the Society's Surveyors, it is suggested that, in order to have the vessel's class reinstated in the Society's Register Book, it will be necessary for the requirements of a Periodical Special Survey (D) to be complied with, which includes the drilling of the shell plating amidships and in the vicinity of the peaks, and in such parts of the structure where signs of wastage are evident.

Any major repairs which have been effected to the structure since the vessel was disclassed will require to be specially examined in order to ascertain the character of the workmanship. Details of any structural alterations which have been effected since the vessel's class lapsed should also be ascertained.

IT IS SUBMITTED Mr. Bennett be advised of the relevant particulars as above.

*Redclassification Contemplated ??*



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