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m.s. "SKANSEN"

The Gothenburg Surveyors were informed on the 28th January that the name of this Swedish vessel was included in the 'Black List' published in the British Board of Trade Journal on the 22nd of that month.

At that time the first entry report had not been received.

This letter was acknowledged by Mr. Townshend on the 21st February when he stated that the first entry report on this vessel had been despatched by their previous mail and that the fees were paid by the Builders to the Stockholm Surveyors before the instructions from this Office were to hand. He added that in these circumstances and as the fees were in respect of work carried out before the vessel's name was placed on the Statutory List, the fees had been accepted and passed into the Society's account.

The first entry report was submitted to the Chairman on the 23rd March and by his direction the circumstances were sent by letter to the Trading-With-the-Enemy Department who were asked to state whether the Committee could issue the usual classification certificate to the Builders provided the actual particulars of class were not inserted in the Society's Register Book.

In reply, the Department pointed out that the Owners of the vessel were included in the Statutory List as long ago as the 16th June 1942, and they considered our Gothenburg Surveyors should not have continued after that date to survey the ship without authority first being obtained from their Department.

Before further consideration could be given, therefore, they asked to be informed of the date on which the Society and the Gothenburg Surveyors first became aware that the "SKANSEN" was owned

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The matter was shown to the Chairman and in the first instance referred to Mr. Townshend whose reply is attached.

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