

Wreck Report No. 15683

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 456 in R.B. 874 Wreck Book, p. 171/60 Date of writing this report 25th January, 1961.

Ship's Name s.s. "WORLD HARMONY" of Pireaus Tons Gross 20992 Net 13342

Built at Newcastle When 1954 7 Casualty notice sent to Owner 11.1.61. Owner's reply 13.1.61.

World Tankers Corp.

c/o Niarchos (London) Ltd., 41-43, Park Street, London, W.1.

Classification details

+ 100AL	+ IMC 2,59
oil tanker	BS M2,60
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14th December, 1960.

3 Ships involved

Sustained extensive fire damage after collision in Bosphorus. Anchored in Beykoz Bay awaiting decision on repairs.

The owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

London, Dec. 14. — The London agents of tank steamer WORLD HARMONY have to-day received the following message from the agents at Istanbul: WORLD HARMONY, while passing Bosphorus to-night (Dec. 13-14) in ballast, collided with loaded Yugoslav tank steamer PETAR ZORANIC. Both vessels on fire in Bosphorus and fire also propagated to Turkish steamer TARSUS, anchored nearby. Salvage boats working alongside WORLD HARMONY, whose engine-room on fire; notifying underwriters' agents. Trying to ascertain exact position.

Istanbul, Dec. 14. — Tank steamer WORLD HARMONY: Fire extinguished. Vessel shifted by salvage steamer Imroz (? Imroz II) and anchored safe position off Beykoz, upper Bosphorus. Tank steamer

Athens, Dec. 15. — Ten seamen are still trapped on board tank steamer WORLD HARMONY, according to an official report received in Athens. The report came from a senior officer of the Greek Merchant Marine Ministry, Mr. H. Catris. Mr. Catris reported that at least 13 of the crew of the WORLD HARMONY had been taken to hospital and he believed other survivors were being cared for by fishermen along the coast. — Reuter.

Istanbul, Dec. 15. — Tank steamer WORLD HARMONY: Position unchanged, smoking slightly. Steamer TARSUS still smoking, anchored off Istanbul, mid-Bosphorus. Tank steamer PETAR ZORANIC still burning, position unchanged. Loss of life presently estimated at 50. Reported loss of further small ship still unconfirmed.

Istanbul, Dec. 15. — Tank steamer WORLD HARMONY: Still smoking slightly this morning. Vessel safely anchored Beykoz Bay. Considered still unsafe to board her. Steamer TARSUS: Still smoking; superstructure apparently burnt out. Not yet possible to report details of damage.

Istanbul, Dec. 16. — Tank steamer WORLD HARMONY: Fire apparently now extinguished. Steamer TARSUS still smoking slightly. Tank steamer PETAR ZORANIC still burning fore and aft.

Istanbul, Dec. 16. — Tank steamer WORLD HARMONY: Fire now apparently extinguished, though vessel not boardable. Damage visible to forepeak, port and starboard, extending 30 ft. aft, also port side No. 5 tank blown out. Vessel made some water, down by bow, but no apparent danger. Steamer TARSUS: Appointed Lloyd's Register surveyor. Vessel still smoking slightly and not boardable. Tank steamer PETAR ZORANIC still burning. — Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.

WORLD HARMONY now anchored Beykoz Bay and fire still burning in refrigerated store space in poop. Preliminary examination reveals forecastle space, amidship house and poop accommodation completely gutted and structures in way seriously buckled. Stem at about 28-ft. mark very badly torn both sides and bow plating above buckled to abaft No. 1 tank as result of fire. Internal explosions have occurred in way of No. 1 port and Nos. 4, 5 and 6 port, centre and starboard tanks, causing serious buckling of shell and deck plating in way. Shell plating on port side in way of No. 5 tanks ruptured from deck down below present waterline and a panel about 25 ft. long has been blown out and now hinged at angle of 90 deg. Shell slightly holed on port quarter and generally buckled as result of fire and both sides in way of stern. Engine-room now flooded to just below main turbines, and vessel, which has a 3-deg. starboard list, making water. Vessel now in hands of Turkish Navy, who attempting to extinguish fire and conducting inquiry, following which vessel will be turned over to Public Prosecutor until such times as necessary formalities, &c., completed. Skaramanga nearest suitable dry dock. Necessary to make vessel gas-free, seal all possible leaks, remove damaged plating on port side and make temporary repairs in way before vessel suitable for loading.

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"IN PORT DAMAGED 12.60"

FRIDAY 27 JAN 1961

Class to be retained

FRIDAY - 2 FEB 1962

In port damaged 12.60 / Add to Casualty

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Istanbul, Dec. 19. — Tank steamer
WORLD HARMONY: Draught aft now
31 ft. 6 in., water now 2 ft. above engine-
room manoeuvring platform and leakage
of oil fuel reported in vicinity of engine-
room. Still awaiting permission to board.

LC 21/12/60

Istanbul, Dec. 21. — Tank steamer
WORLD HARMONY: Examination by
local authorities now completed and vessel
to-day delivered by Public Prosecutor to
owners' agent with instructions to remove
wreck. Agents awaiting owners' instruc-
tion.—Salvage Association's Special Officer
and Lloyd's Agents.

LC 22/12/60

Tank
steamer WORLD HARMONY: Salvors
have now decided to pump out engine-
room without demanding owners' signa-
ture or any contract.—Lloyd's Agents per
Salvage Association. (See issues of
Dec. 28 and 29.)

LC 30/12/60

Istanbul, Jan. 2. — Tank steamer
WORLD HARMONY: Engine-room half
pumped out and salvors attempting to
close openings allowing inflow of water.—
Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association.
(See issue of Dec. 30.)

LC 31/1/61



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