

M/T "SKOTAAS"

Transversely Jamed Tanker.

The Committee agreed to this vessel proceeding in ballast from Melbourne to the Persian Gulf and thence to the K/CONTINENT for stiffening. It was required that on the ballast voyage the scheme of ballasting should be as required by the Society's Memorandum of July 1951.

The Owners now state that the vessel left Melbourne on the 17th instant for the Persian Gulf in ballast but do not quote any particulars of the distribution.

The vessels Charterers, the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., have been contacted by telephone but have no particulars of the arrangement of ballasting and state that this is left in the hands of the Master. The Society's Surveyor at Melbourne was informed by telegram on the 16th instant that the vessel might proceed on a ballast trip to the Persian Gulf provided the ballasting circular was complied with.

It is, therefore, presumed that the distribution of ballast is in order but it is considered that confirmation should be obtained from the Owner.

It is, therefore, submitted that the Owner be wired as follows :-

"VESSEL REGARDED AS CLASSED SHIP ON BALLAST VOYAGE TO THE PERSIAN GULF PROVIDED BALLASTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEMORANDUM AS REQUIRED STOP ANGLO-SAXON CONTACTED BUT HAVE NO PARTICULARS OF THE ARRANGEMENT STOP PLEASE OBTAIN FROM CAPTAIN AND FORWARD TO THIS OFFICE AT EARLIEST."

*HJK.*

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