

M.S. "POZARICA".

The subject of the Ownership and Nationality of this vessel has been discussed with Mr. Ashford of the Tanker Division of the Ministry.

Mr. Ashford states that the vessel should be shown in the Register Book as Italian and considers that particulars of Ownership should be omitted as the position in this respect remains to be clarified.

It may be added that the vessel was seized from her late Owners by the Italians. She is now engaged in Ministry service in the Mediterranean and operated by Ministry Officials in that area. The Ministry are responsible for maintenance costs, no rate of hire is paid and the question of financial adjustments, in common with other similar Italian cases, will be dealt with under Reparations.

Should the vessel's present service terminate resulting in her return home, the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. Ltd. are likely to resume management, but it has not been found practicable to appoint Managers whilst the vessel operates in the Mediterranean.

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