

Steamer "CAPTAIN FARMAKIDES"

The following is an extract from Lloyd's List of 31st March, 1953:-

"Narvik:- vessel developed  $2\frac{1}{2}$  metre crack in her hull (below her waterline) whilst loading. Vessel proceeded to Kiel for repairs without completing loading, where 2 plates renewed."

This vessel is a Liberty ship which was formerly classed with Lloyd's Register but, in November, 1950, the Owners, Messrs. Rethymnis & Kulukundis Ltd. withdrew class from this Society. *(Class omitted from reprint)*

When Mr. John Kulukundis was in the Office at that time he pointed out that this and another vessel were owned by associated Companies and he suggested that the proposal to drop L.R. class arose from a fear that the Society would insist on strengthening of the bottom, also that the Owners wished to avoid this expense.

He dissociated himself from this point of view and the decision to transfer class to the American Bureau was made in the Owners' New York Office.

*RG.*

*I think the Chairman would be interested to see this*

*W.J.B.*

15th April, 1953.

*M. J. 20/4*

*Thank you R. J. B.*

*Noted  
The alleged method  
of loading is also of  
interest W.J.B. 18/4*