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TANKER "DESCUBRIDOR" ex "GULFMAID"
Mob. Report 2338

This tanker, built in March 1917, carried out 2nd Special Survey No. 3 in August 1941. About January 1947, she was transferred to Estrella Maritima S.A. de Navegacion y Comercio. In February 1947, she was submitted for Special Survey (due 8-45) at Mobile, when the Surveyor recommended a total of forty-six shell plates to be renewed on account of their wasted condition. The work was not proceeded with and the vessel was laid up.

In September 1947, the Mobile Surveyor examined the vessel afloat at the request of the prospective new owners, Ligure Toscana Soc. di Nav. of Genoa and made recommendations for a proposed voyage to the Mediterranean, where it was intended to carry out permanent repairs and Special Survey. However, the General Committee did not agree to the vessel proceeding on this proposed voyage unless she was repaired in accordance with the recommendations made at Mobile in February 1947.

On the 4th February, 1948 a cable was received from the General Committee to the effect the Genoa Surveyors had advised that the vessel was preparing to proceed from Mobile to Italy with cargo on a Provisional Certificate to be issued by the American Bureau of Shipping acting on behalf of the Registro Italiano. The Society's Surveyor at Mobile was instructed to cable immediately if the vessel left without being repaired as required, and to inform the owners' agent that the class would be expunged with a Black Line if this was done. Our Mobile Surveyor now reports that the vessel sailed on February 22nd without carrying out the necessary repairs, and he cabled the Committee regarding the vessel's departure.

In the circumstances it is submitted that the Committee's decision to expunge the vessel's class with a Black Line be given effect to at once.

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PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR, U.S.A.



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