

Motorship "AFRICAN QUEEN"

Mr. H.G. Richardson, Insurance Officer, Colonial Development Corporation (Mayfair 8484), the Owners of this ship, called at this Office and asked to see the report of survey carried out at Dakar in July 1951. (This report has not yet received the consideration of the Committee).

Mr. Richardson stated that the reason for his request was that he understood that some repairs were required to the fire box of one of the donkey boilers. It transpired, however, that he already had in his possession a translated copy of this report, which did not refer to the matter in question.

He stated that the vessel proceeded from Dakar to Bathurst and thence to the U.K., and enquiry was therefore made of the Agency Department of the Corporation of Lloyd's as to whether a further survey had been held at Bathurst. No such report is available.

Mr. Richardson stated that the vessel has been sold and will be drydocked shortly in the Newcastle district where she is now lying.

He was informed that the Donkey Boiler Survey became due in 11.51 and that the last recorded docking date is 4.50, and he was asked to bring to the purchasers' attention the contents of the letter addressed from this Office on the 4th March last to the Colonial Development Corporation, setting forth the terms on which the Committee have deferred action. His attention was also drawn to the fact that the Annual Loadline Survey became due on 12.10.51.

He stated that he would call in the Society's local Surveyors in connection with drydocking, and was furnished with their address.

He stated that the attention of the purchasers would be drawn to the outstanding Donkey Boiler Survey, but the question as to whether this was held at this time was a matter for them to decide.