

22nd January, 1951.

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Dear Sir,

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I have to acquaint you that the Rotterdam Surveyors recently cabled stating that they were requested to carry out a survey on the sailing vessel "VIKING" No. 80531 in the Register Book, as it was proposed to tow this ship from Rotterdam to Gothenburg. The Rotterdam Surveyors pointed out that the vessel, which had hitherto been laid up, was within her period of grace for the Special Survey which became due at the end of August last, and they wished to have the Committee's approval permitting them to act as desired. This arrangement was duly approved, but information has now been received to the effect that the vessel has been acquired by Gothenburg interests and will be towed to Sweden some time about April next. She will be permanently moored in Gothenburg harbour where she will serve as a home for the Gothenburg Seamen's school.

It is concluded that the new Owners are not likely to maintain class by submitting the ship to Special Survey, and the considerably overdue Donkey Boiler Survey, but I shall be obliged if you will kindly institute enquiries in this respect and let me know the result.

Assuming that it is not desired to maintain class, in the normal course the matter would receive the consideration of Committee with a view to class deletion, but this would be without prejudice to the proposed survey on the part of the Rotterdam Surveyors, and would probably take the form of the omission of all particulars from the Reprint. Yours faithfully,

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Clerk to the
Classification Committee

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