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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

High Close,

Wokingham, Berks.

8th October, 1941.

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To the Surveyor(s) at Baltimore.

Vessel's Name. S.S. "ITAMARATY" ex "WILLY"

QUESTION.

With reference to the Entry in your Return of Vessels under Survey for the quarter ended March last, I shall be glad to learn how this case now stands as the vessel's name does not appear in your subsequent returns.

L.R.P.

ANSWER.

Date:— December 12th, 1941

In reply I have to refer you to the similar inquiry dated 26th Jan. 1941, and continuing therefrom have to advise as follows:—

The vessel was brought to the Salisbury S.B. and Yacht Co., Salisbury, Md. (which is about 150 miles from this port) and were requested by a Mr. Spear, the President of a new concern which had recently acquired this little wood yacht building yard, to attend with a view to the vessel being re-classified with this Society.

We attended the yard on 11th Mar. 1941, and were surprised to observe the absence of any plant or machinery for dealing with repairs to steel ships. The facts were reported to the Principal Surveyor in N.Y., and later at Mr. Bennett's request, together with Mr. Macpherson, Senior Engineer Surveyor from the N.Y. office, the undersigned attended the yard again with a view to reporting on the facilities for repairing steel ships, and to advise on reclassification requirements.

Mr. Spear, the President, met us and informed us that he did not wish an inspection of his premises carried out now or at any time by classification surveyors, and that if we still insisted on this inspection, he would request us to leave the yard, which we did, and advised N.Y. accordingly. We were then instructed to withdraw from the survey. In the meantime, repairs to the ship had commenced and attempts were made to obtain classification by the American Bureau of Shipping. The

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vessel has again changed ownership to Lloyd's Brasileiro, and has been brought to Baltimore for drydocking and completion of repairs.

At present, a specification is being drawn up with a view to ascertaining whether the vessel is worth the expense.

It is understood that Mr. Spear received a certain amount of money from the ~~present~~ purchaser of the vessel in Rio de Janeiro, and on repairing same and receiving a classification certificate, would receive a further sum from the purchaser. This contract apparently failed and some litigation is proceeding. In the circumstances, it is considered inadvisable to render any account for expenses incurred in this matter, and the vessel was therefore removed from our List of Vessels Under Survey.

J. G. Buchanan.



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