

# LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

Järntorget 3,

Gothenburg C., 13th August, 1956.

ENCLOSURES. ✓

The Secretary,  
LONDON.

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And

Dear Sir,

Motorship "ERLING BORTHEN".

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant and enclosure regarding the above ship, we have to state that about the middle of July we learned through the Repairers, Messrs. Lindholmens Varv, that the Owners had informed them of their intention to transfer the class to N.V. They had then told the Owners that, as the specification for the major part of the damage repairs had been made up in collaboration with us and their Superintendent and part of the machinery survey had already been carried out by us and plans of Poop Deck and Lower Bridge House approved in this office, there would be additional expense if class were to be transferred.

On hearing this, Messrs. Lindholm state, the Owners told them the ship would remain in L.R.

Our last visit to the ship was on 13th July, Messrs. Lindholm's Yard was closed for annual holidays for the 3 weeks 15th July to 5th August inclusive and we heard no more of the matter until, on 28th July, we received from the Oslo Surveyors a copy of their letter of the 26th July addressed to you stating that the class had already been transferred to N.V. It would seem that the Owners' action is probably due to pressure exerted on them by N.V. in Oslo.

Up to the time of the Yard's closing for holidays, no actual repair work had been done on the hull but a specification of damage repairs was drawn up as far as practicable with the vessel afloat. It is possible that this would require to be supplemented after examination in drydock and internal examination of tanks. Mr. S. Johnsson, who was looking after the case, should have returned from leave today but I regret to say that he has been suffering from a nervous disorder and his doctor has ordered him complete rest for another week.

The enclosed hull report has therefore been written from entries in Mr. Johnsson's Journal and a copy of the agreed specification. Mr. Friberg had joined Mr. Johnsson in the machinery survey and has therefore written a report on the part survey carried out, which is also enclosed.

It is hoped that these reports will be sufficient to allow the case to be submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,  
THE SURVEYORS, Gothenburg

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