

Copy of statement for GE 26.11.53  
Transversely Framed Tanker "LISS" 5932 tons gross,  
Built in 1921 and Owned by Johan Gran of Bergen.

This transversely framed tanker which is 32 years old was originally placed in 'Category C' (which is the best category), and in January last the Committee agreed to the detailed special inspection of this ship being postponed until completion of charter at the end of October or beginning of November 1953.

Recently we had a letter from the Bergen Surveyor stating that the vessel was discharging in London and afterwards would be proceeding to Messrs. A/G Weser of Bremen for the requisite inspection.

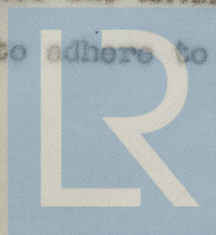
On the 26th October a letter was received from the Bremen Surveyors that they had been advised by the Owners' Superintendent that the vessel would be temporarily laid up at the Repairers' Yard pending the Owners' final decision.

As a result, the Classing Committee on the 3rd November decided to record in the Register Book a notation of "Class Suspended Pending Stiffening".

The Bergen Surveyor was at the same time asked to point out to the Owner that this action was only a temporary measure and that as soon as the Society's requirements had been satisfactorily complied with, the case would be submitted to the Committee with a view to the suspension being lifted.

At the Classing Committee Meeting on the 24th instant a letter was read out from the Owner protesting against this suspension in view of the fact that she had passed a Special Survey in May 1951, and that nothing had happened to the ship in the interim which could justify Lloyd's Register removing the class from the Register Book. The letter added that Lloyd's Register had no right to "declass" the ship before the next Special Survey which was not due until May 1955.

The Committee decided to adhere to their previous



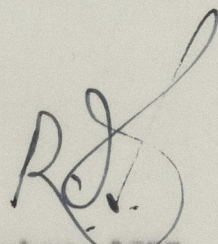
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decision and approved the text of a reply to the Bergen Surveyor, an extract of which read:-

"With regard to the point raised as to the right of Lloyd's Register to take the ship out of class before a Special Survey is due, the Committee desire you to assure the Owner that they have no doubt on this point.

The Committee of the Society consider they would be failing in their duty if at any time they did not insist on any modification of a vessel which latest ideas of structural safety dictated. Such modifications in the way of stiffening have been required for other transversely framed tankers, and this is recognised by other Classification Societies."

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R.D.' with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

26th November, 1933.



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