

10th May, 1958

Steamer "MATADOR"

The new owner

Mr. de Lasala ^L called here yesterday and expressed his keen disappointment at the condition of this ship, which he took over last February from Mr. Eustathiou, the former Owner.

The reasons for Mr. de Lasala's complaint are the following:

The tween decks were in a very dirty condition with some cement boxes fitted to the outside shell,

The boilers were almost completely salted up when the ship arrived in the Far East,

The evaporator was not functioning and other auxiliaries were in poor condition,

The propeller shaft was ~~sized~~ in the lifeboat, understood to have been placed on board in February at Genoa.

It was pointed out to Mr. de Lasala that the Genoa Surveyors only completed a survey previously partly held and that the ship held a notation of S.S. 7,57 for the hull and 10,56 for the engines with Boiler Survey date of 7,57, and that the boilers may well have salted up in a very short time owing to the neglect of the previous Owners' Engineers.

As regards the lifeboat, it was established that the motor lifeboat was not replaced at Genoa but the non-propelled one.

Mr. de Lasala was very courteous but very firm in his conviction that Lloyd's Register had failed in their duties, and he hinted that he might transfer the ship's class to the Bureau Veritas.



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