

"DANUBIAN"

In accordance with the arrangement mentioned in memo of 24th May the Owners' Representative, Mr. W.G. Walton, called at this office yesterday afternoon in connection with the issue of Classification and Loadline Certificates to this ship, applied for to the B.C.

It is understood that the ship was classed by Hellenic Veritas from late 1945. This is the only period regarding which we could not trace any information about the ship.

The B.C. Surveyor's reports indicate that a thorough examination has been made, but the amount of repairs is surprisingly small considering her age.

It is noted that when the ship was classed with L.R. the shell was drilled in 1936 and the Lloyd's Surveyor reported that the drillings were little different from the original. This combined with the fact that all the decks are of iron indicates it is most likely there is justification for repairs on the usual scale for a ship of this age not being necessary on this occasion.

The British Corporation's letter of February 1949 has not been answered by Mr. Macdonald, the non-exclusive Surveyor of the B.C. at Alexandria.

In order that this case can be dealt with speedily it is submitted that an abridged edition of that letter be cabled to the L.R. exclusive Surveyor at Alexandria, asking him to see that an immediate reply is sent here. As Mr. Macdonald was a non-exclusive Surveyor the ship, under B.C. practice, would not be accepted for class until a satisfactory report had been obtained from an exclusive Surveyor confirming that on a general examination he considered the ship suitable for class.

It is further submitted that Mr. Maplestone, the Society's exclusive Surveyor at Alexandria be also asked by cable to carry out this confirmatory survey, and to cable his recommendation.

The ship is at present discharging at that port.

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