

"ANDROS VENTURE"

It is usually the responsibility of the main contractor to inform subcontractors when orders are to be carried out under L.R. Survey and it is, therefore, the responsibility of the subcontractor to call in the Surveyor.

In the present instance the Davie Ship Building Co. or the Owners' consultant (who apparently arranged the classification with Mr. Riddell in April, 1952) should have instructed the engine builders, Messrs. General Electric Co. who should, in due course, have requested the attendance of the local Surveyor. It now appears that no such instructions were given by the Shipyard until nearly one year later and Mr. Riddell does not comment on this.

On the other hand, our New York Office appears to have been guilty of some contributory negligence and, whilst not responsible for attendance until called, ~~we~~ should nevertheless have appreciated that the local Surveyor in question was non-exclusive and would require on such a new contract to be backed up by an exclusive man. This office, however, does not appear to have taken any action in the matter.

The fact remains, however, that this machinery appears to have been ready for a running test in the shop before being seen by any Lloyd's Surveyor and if the Maltese Cross is assigned it will set a serious precedent.

The alternative might be to revive the war-time practice and assign a record of L.M.C.(R) implying machinery built under A.B. Survey but installed under L.R.

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