

DISCLOSED

SECTION

No.

Motorship "PAULA"

The validity of the present "Examined" notation in this case expired in 8,52, and the vessel was laid up at Singapore pending a decision regarding her future disposal. At the Owners' request, however, the Committee agreed to extend the validity of the "Examined" record for a period of one month to enable trials to be carried out, with a view to ascertaining whether the ship was suitable for employment as a mobile bunkering craft within Singapore Harbour limits. A further extension of class until 7th October was also agreed to.

The Owners subsequently received an offer for the vessel for delivery in Italy, and the Committee agreed to the Singapore Surveyors issuing a certificate of fitness for the voyage to Italy, provided upon examination they were entirely satisfied with her condition for the voyage.

This sale did not, however, materialise, and the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., the former Owners, now state that the ship was sold to Chinese Owners on the 24th January.

According to information received from Lloyd's, the vessel was in fact sold to Tay Soon Ann of Singapore with a breaking up clause, but this clause was waived by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd., to enable the buyer to re-sell to Tromal Prospecting Ltd., who intended using her in conjunction with dredging operations.

This second sale has not yet been completed.

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