

Steamer "NORTE"

Considerable trouble was experienced by the New York Surveyors during the course of their Special Survey in July, 1952, owing to the Owners Representative's preference for the American Bureau, who were carrying out a Special Survey at the same time. Since that time there has been a divergence of views amongst the Owners' Representatives as to the future classification of this ship.

A Boiler Survey became due in July last, and when the Buenos Aires Surveyors approached the Owners regarding this inspection, they were informed that an investigation was still in hand as to why the vessel had been classed with the American Bureau.

The Surveyors state that such investigations take a considerable time, and the position is further complicated by the fact that the Superintendent at New York, during the period now being investigated, has since died.

In these circumstances they presume the vessel's class will be dealt with accordingly.

It should be noted that similar circumstances obtained in the case of the "PARANA", whose class was expunged with a Red Line by the Committee in November last.

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