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LISBON, 20th. October 1953

"SERPA PINTO".

Ans'd.....

Dear Sir,

I enclose translation of a letter just received from Messrs. Cia. Colonial de Navegação, requesting an extension of class for their passenger vessel Serpa Pinto on account of the delay in delivery of the relieving vessel "UIGE" at present under construction at Antwerp.

The delay is stated to have been caused through strikes at the shipyard, and this has been confirmed from other sources.

Messrs. Cia. Colonial de Navegação in their letter to this office, omit to mention the fact that their large passenger vessel "Santa Maria" built at the same shipyard, has also been seriously delayed for the same reasons, and until the new vessels arrive, they will be hard put to it to keep to their sailing schedules to Central America, South America and Africa, without withdrawing any vessel from service.

The Company would appreciate a reply by cable, if possible.

Yours faithfully,

John Lubbock

The Secretary
London.



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