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 REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c. 13499
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Vessel's Name *Supp.* *No. 1. Santo Maru* of *Tokyo* Tons Gross 3266 Net 1872

Built at *Tama* When *1931* 5 Casualty notice sent to Owner *30.6.50* Owner's reply *13.9.50*

Owner's Name *Toho Kaiun K.K.*
 Address *706 Marunouchi Building Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan.*

Case previously before Classing Committee.	Date	Particulars of Classification.	
		Last Minute	<i>£100 A1</i>
		<i>Reclassified 4.50</i>	<i>TS 2.50 CL</i> <i>ss. YR-4.50(Dr.) OIL ENGINES</i>

Date of Casualty *23rd June, 1950*

Precis of particulars of Casualty
 While stranded on a reef off Aghenna Saki, Ryuku Islands, Japan, a typhoon struck the area on the 23rd June, 1950. The bow and stern sections of this ship broke away from the midship section, causing her to become a total loss.
 The Owners concur.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

SANTO MARU.—London, June 15.—The following message has been received from Bombay: Motor vessel Santo Maru serious casualty, all holds leaking and position dangerous. Shinto Maru reported proceeding at full steam to tranship cargo if possible.

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A message has been received stating that the Japanese motorship Santo Maru (3266 tons) is in serious casualty and her position is dangerous. No details are available. A vessel is proceeding at full steam in order to tranship cargo.

SANTO MARU.—Yokohama, June 16.—The owners of the motor vessel Santo Maru report that the vessel, with a full cargo of rice, went ashore on reef off Aghenna Saki, Miyako Jima, Ryukyu Islands, on June 6. All holds flooded; salvage vessel standing by to effect temporary repairs. Estimated 1300 tons of undamaged (cargo) being transferred to steamer Shinton Maru. It is expected to refloat vessel about June 21. Salvage prospects reported good. (See issue of June 14.)

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London, June 16.—Motor vessel Santo Maru is on voyage from Thailand to Japan with a cargo of rice.

It is now known that the Japanese motorship Santo Maru, which was reported in yesterday's Lloyd's List to be in serious casualty, is ashore on a reef off Aghenna Saki, Ryukyu Islands. All her holds are flooded. About 1300 tons of undamaged cargo of rice are being transferred to another vessel. The Santo Maru is on voyage from Thailand to Japan.

SANTO MARU.—Yokohama, June 16.—Motor vessel Santo Maru, from Kohsi-chang with a full cargo of rice, grounded on a coral reef near Aghenna Saki, Miyako Jima, Ryukyu Islands, in approximate position lat. 24 43 N., long. 125 28 E., on June 6. Attempts to refloat were unsuccessful and the vessel was found to be making water through forepeak tank. Attempts by a tug to refloat the vessel on June 7 were also unsuccessful and on June 8, bilge soundings showed the vessel to be making water in all holds. Steamer SHINTON MARU was sent from Sasebo and arrived on June 11. The work of transferring 1300 tons of undamaged rice was commenced to-day and is expected to be completed in three days. Salvage vessel SANYO MARU arrived on June 13 and work to stop leaks has been taken in hand. Some 30 rivets in the vessel's bottom are reported to be loose. An attempt to refloat the vessel will be made on June 21. The vessel was originally bound for Nagoya, but will now be towed to Sasebo for repairs. (See issue of June 22.)

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Yokohama, June 26.—Motor vessel Santo Maru broke up due to typhoon on June 23. Steamer SHINTON MARU, assisting in transfer of cargo, driven ashore and capsized; 806 tons of rice lost, one man missing. Salvage vessel SANYO MARU driven ashore; master and steward dead, two crew missing. No hope of salvage.

While salvage operations were in progress on the Japanese motorship Santo Maru, which ran aground off the Ryukyu Islands on June 6, a typhoon struck the area. The salvage vessel Sanyo Maru, assisting in the operations, was driven ashore, and it is reported that there is no hope of salvaging her. The Shinton Maru, which was assisting in the transfer of cargo, was driven ashore and capsized; and the Santo Maru has broken up.

SANTO MARU.—London, June 21.—The following cable has been received to-day from Bombay: Motor vessel Santo Maru: Two holds flooded 2/3rds, two holds half; 1300 tons out of total of 4300 tons reported sound and partly transhipped. Endeavouring to obtain offer to purchase salvage as it stands. (See issue of June 17.)

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SANTO MARU.—Yokohama, July 10.—The owners of the motor vessel Santo Maru report that the vessel, which had grounded on a coral reef amidships, swung broadside to wind and sea during a hurricane on June 23. Owing to stress, bow and stern sections broke away from the amidships section. Salvage tug SANYO MARU dragged her anchor and was cast up on a coral shore upside down. Steamer SHINTON MARU was also driven ashore and capsized. (See issue of June 27.)

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Suggested Record *Wrecked 6/50*
 Date of Committee *FRI. 6 OCT 1950*
 Committee's Minute *Wrecked 6.50*
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