

S.S. "SOCONY"  
Owners: Standard Transportation Co.

This case is fully stated in endorsement dated 3.7.35 when the Owners were informed that in order to enable the class to be extended until the vessel is replaced by new tonnage in May next it would be necessary for a Modified Special Survey to be held and any necessary repairs effected.

The Istanbul Surveyor was advised and on 13th instant he reported by cablegram as follows :-

"GENERAL EXAMINATION REVEALS IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE  
"MADE FOR EXTENSIVE REPAIRS CARGO TANKS. LONGITUDINAL  
"BULKHEADS TRANSVERSE BULKHEADS WITH VERTICAL STIFFENERS  
"HORIZONTAL STIFFENERS TO BE PARTIALLY RENEWED. UPPER DECK  
"PLATING SPAR DECK PLATING AND BEAMS TO BE PARTIALLY RENEWED OR  
"DOUBLED. BROAD STRINGER(S) SHELL AND BRACKET CONNECTIONS TO BE  
"PARTIALLY RENEWED. SUMMER TANKS EXPANSION TRUNKS AND END  
"BULKHEADS TO BE REPAIRED. TRUNK HATCHWAYS 1,2,3,4 & 5 AND  
"VERTICAL STIFFENERS TO BE DOUBLED. FOREGOING MINIMUM REPAIR  
"BOILER SURVEY AND GENERAL EXAMINATION MACHINERY TO BE CARRIED  
"OUT FOR EXTENSION OF CLASS".

Mr. Pluymert, of the Standard Transportation Co., called at this Office on 13th instant and stated that the Owners would be in an awkward position if this vessel were unable to carry on her charter until April 1936, the date when the replace vessel is expected to be completed. He also handed in a cable from the Owners in New York reading as follows :-

"FURTHER TO OUR TELEGRAM OF 13TH AUGUST SOCONY LLOYDS HERE  
"SUGGEST FAILING ALL OTHER RESOURCES REQUEST EXTENSION UNTIL MAY  
"NEXT WITH 6 INCHES OR MORE IF NECESSARY INCREASED FREEBOARD".

At Mr. Pluymert's request a cablegram was sent to the Istanbul Surveyor asking if, in his opinion, repairs could be postponed until the end of October next, and the following reply has been received from him :-

"CANNOT AGREE TO OWNERS' PROPOSAL OWING TO EXCESSIVE CORRODED  
"CONDITION CARGO TANKS".

The case is submitted for the consideration of the  
Committee.