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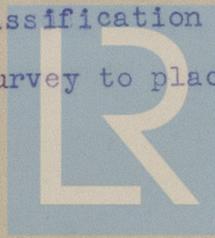
S.S. "MODLIN" ex "WILJA"

This case is fully stated in previous endorsements.

A letter has now been received from the Polish Steamship Agency Ltd. in which they state that in view of the difficulties of obtaining materials etc. they are considering the possibility of moving the vessel to U.S.A. or Canada where it would be much easier to accomplish the work of classification and they ask if the vessel could be examined by the Society's Surveyors at Manchester and essential repairs carried out with a view to a Seaworthy Certificate being issued for the contemplated voyage.

Mr. Szafranski called at this office today and explained that the Owners have tried unsuccessfully to obtain permission from the Ministry of Shipping to arrange for repairs to be carried out on Merseyside. to place the vessel in a fit condition for trading. The Owners therefore desire to know if the hull and machinery could be examined by the Society's Surveyors and recommendations made for essential repairs to be carried out with a view to a Seaworthy Certificate being issued for the voyage to the U.S.A or Canada in ballast where the full classification survey would be held or alternatively a survey to place the vessel

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in satisfactory condition for a period of 12 months.

On receipt of the Surveyors recommendations the Owners would again approach the Ministry of Shipping with a view to obtaining the licence for the material.

In the circumstances it is submitted the Owners' request might be favourably considered.

The Manchester Surveyors should be fully advised.

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20th March, 1941.

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