

s.s. "AUNGBAN", now sailing as "TOEN MARU"

As requested, Mr. D. H. Jackson of the Burmah Oil Co., Ltd., was interviewed yesterday by a representative of this Society, when he stated that the vessel was sold in November, 1937, on the distinct understanding that she was to be broken up.

The usual record was made against the vessel's name in the Register Book and all particulars of her were omitted from the present edition.

It now appears that she is still trading under the name of "TOEN MARU" and is owned by Okada Gumi Kab. Kaisya.

Mr. Jackson produced a memorandum regarding the sale of the vessel, from which it appears that the full breaking up price of £13,500 had been paid. They were subsequently offered in November, 1937, an extra £3,000 as compensation with option to trade for another 18 months, but this was definitely refused on a matter of principle, also on a promise of long-standing between their friends and associates that tank vessels would only be sold for breaking up.

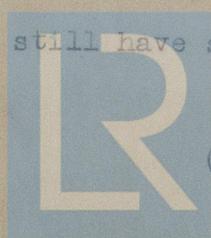
A fair price for the "Aungban" as a going concern was considered to be about £25,000.

The purchaser took delivery in November, 1937, and on the 4th February, 1938, began to break her up, probably by merely removing instruments, etc.

On the 8th February, 1938, the Japanese Government ordered the vessel to proceed to Sasebo, and thus she came under their control.

The memorandum concluded by stating that the purchaser genuinely tried to keep to his bargain, but was prevented from doing so by the Japanese Government.

Mr. Jackson stated they have only received the breaking up price and feel they still have some interest in the vessel.



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They have no objection to the vessel appearing in the Register Book as the "TOEN MARU" ex "AUNGBAN", and have quite an open mind regarding making a special record of the circumstances against the vessel's name in the Register Book.

They would leave this matter entirely to the discretion of the Committee.

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