

A SPECIAL SURVEY (C) was carried out at Rotterdam on the above ship in April, 1960, and she was last drydocked at Curacao in February, 1963, when the class was continued, subject to indented shell plate in way of No.4 hold (s.s) and structure in way also to indented sheerstrake and plating in 1st below in way of No.3 hold (s.s) and to indented shell plate in 'A' strake in way of No.6 D.B.tank (s.s) and keel plates aft being specially examined and dealt with as necessary next drydocking.

The Valencia Surveyors in their letter of 25th May, 1963, state that the Charterers' Agents had informed them that the ship, lying at Santa Pola, was not, in their opinion, in a fit condition to carry out the contemplated charter and listed a number of defects, some of which, though not of a serious nature, nevertheless affected classification.

The Surveyors refused to attend on board the ship to confirm the Charterers findings without at first obtaining the Owners' consent, and before this was given the Charterers cancelled the contract giving as their reason that the ship was not in a fit condition to carry out the terms of the charter, coupled with the Owners' refusal to allow the Surveyors to attend on board to carry out any necessary examination.

Subsequently the Surveyors, at the request of the Owners, carried out an examination of the ship which included the holds and a number of minor repairs were recommended together with the testing of Nos.1 & 2 D.B.tanks, all arranged to be dealt with before the ship left the port.

It would appear from the letter mentioned above that the ship left Santa Pola without giving the Surveyors an opportunity to verify that the recommended repairs had indeed been carried out.

It is understood that the ship was directed to Huelva to load a cargo of ore for Hartlepool and it is submitted the Hartlepool Surveyors be forwarded a copy of the Valencia Surveyors' recommendations, and be requested to contact the local Owners' Agents with a view to confirming that the repairs have been satisfactorily dealt with.

c.c. Valencia Surveyors.



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