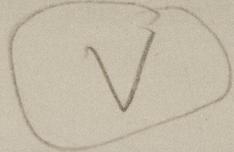


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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

17 BATTERY PLACE,

NEW YORK 4, N.Y.

July 30, 1954.

The Secretary

LONDON

Dear Sir:

Subject: S/S "ANDROS HILLS"
 "ANDROS ISLAND"
 "ANDROS SEA"
 "CHRYSSI"
 "JOHN P.G."
 "MASTER PETER" (Still under construction)

I wish to advise you that some days ago Mr. Panagopoulos telephoned me on behalf of the Orion Shipping and Trading Company, New York, stating that the Owners of the above vessels had decided to drop the Society's classification on these dually classed vessels.

I was able to persuade Mr. Panagopoulos to discuss the matter further with the Owners with a view to retaining our classification, but in the course of our discussions it appeared that in some instances already, when some of the vessels had been under survey, the Society's Surveyors had not been requested to attend. I told him that I thought there would be some way of overcoming these omissions if the Owners on their part could be persuaded to continue our classification.

A letter has now been received from Mr. Panagopoulos enclosing a copy of one dated 2nd July which he had received from Capeside Steamship Company, Ltd., London, quoting the following extract from a letter which they had received from you regarding the "CHRYSSI":

"I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know what arrangements you propose making to carry out the Boiler Survey which became due at the end of March last.

I shall also be glad to learn within what time it is anticipated this vessel will be placed in drydock, as required by the Society's Rules, as according to the records in this office, she has not been so examined since built."

He wishes to reply to your query addressed to the Capeside Steamship Company through this office, dealing not only with the "CHRYSSI", but also with the other vessels affected in the decision regarding continuation of dual classification.

Attached herewith is a copy of a letter of the 21st instant on this subject, together with photostats of the American Bureau Surveyors' reports on the surveys mentioned.

I gathered from my discussions with Mr. Panagopoulos that if the vessels are to be continued in our class, the Owners will hope that no additional surveys by this Society will be called for as a consequence of the instances in which only the American Bureau Surveyors attended. While I realize that the Committee is not in the habit of accepting reports of surveys held by other classification societies' Surveyors, I do hope that in view of the present instance, the Owners' wishes may be viewed by the Committee in the most favourable light in order that the dual classification of the vessels may continue.

Yours faithfully,
 Sgd.

Principal Surveyor, U.S.A.

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