



Reardon Smith Line Limited



NEWSLETTER

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In his Annual Statement to Stockholders, issued with the Accounts, in substitution for a speech at the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman referred to the Company having taken a share in three Akers H-3 design semi-submersible, self-propelled drilling rigs. His Statement concluded with the words "We continue to augment our operational team with a view to examining and expanding in the wider fields of oil exploration". These are not merely prophetic words, but words of action commensurate with the need to keep abreast of modern developments in the extraction of the living and inanimate resources of the oceans. It is good to know that our Company possesses the necessary drive and ability to assure it a place in a changing commercial world; a change which amounts to the extension to ocean space modern technological advancement.

Despite the present economic difficulties, these are exciting times. There is no place today for those with faint hearts. Men in all spheres of commercial life are being shaken into the realisation that ways of life and vocation are undergoing a change. More and more attention is being drawn to the fact that oceans of the world have resources unexplored which even the most technologically conscious cannot comprehend. However, with the advance of technology, a process of evolution is taking place and we are a part of it.

All this has happened before. It occurred on land down through the ages - as man's ability increased, he seized and exploited all the resources the land masses had to offer. World population is growing at an alarming rate, fledgling nations are flexing their wings of expansion, standards of life once so varied are gradually coming together on a higher plain. All this means that with expansion comes the relative ingredient of consumption. The need for new sources of energy, minerals and food is on and increasing, so we turn to the seas around our coasts and the oceans of the world and explore the wealth they have to offer.

It is an exciting prospect, all the more so because we have the feeling "we're in on it".

ACCOUNTS ROCK IN DANGER!

(by Glyn Taylor)

In the last few months, Britain seems to have suffered from the vagaries of world supply and demand. Beginning with the butter mountain, the problem continued with a petrol shortage, a beef shortage and the so-called E.E.C. wine lake. Head Office Accounts Department suffered a further traumatic shock the other day.

For some time now, it has been traditional in the Accounts Department for any person lucky enough to go on holiday, to return with seaside rock, which was usually consumed by those who prefer to live for the present and suffer a trip to the dentist at some far-off future time.

However, a newspaper report headed "Chinese Threat to Blackpool Rock" was given great prominence at the departmental meeting. Apparently the Chinese have cut back Britain's supply of aniseed, throwing the aniseed ball and seaside stick of rock trade into chaos.

Suffice it to say this terrible economic crisis is being tackled in discussions at the highest level. An Accounts Department representative, when asked to comment on the crisis, said "Any departmental member now on holiday has been given special dispensation to buy boxes of chocolate until the crisis is over".

The threat to rock supply is serious enough for a Member of Parliament to take up the cudgels.Editor.

Statistics are cold subjects and, at times, even their logic is in question - even so, perhaps our Technical Department may have a comment or two to make on the following:-

Even on a well maintained ship, the existence of only a cigarette-paper thickness of rough surface can reduce the ship's speed by one fifth of a knot and for a 225,000 tonner, that speed loss could cost at least £65,000 per year.

A Love Story -

The miner who married a commoner.

STAFF NEWS

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

We offer our congratulations to the following:-

Mr. N.P. Waldron	-	Master's Certificate
Mr. D.C. Cumming	-	Second Mate's Certificate
Mr. S.D.L. Lloyd-Jones	-	" " "
Mr. D.J. Cooke	-	" " "
Mr. N.B. Shilstone	-	First Class Motor Certificate

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to the following who have joined the Company during the month:-

Mr. T. Carnduff	-	Technical Department
Miss L. Harter	-	Copy Typist
Mr. J. Radcliffe	-	Rig Division
Mr. L. Allerton	-	Rig Division
Mr. M.J. Stevens	-	Rig Division
Miss A. Cathie	-	Rig Division

MARRIAGE

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Timothy Hancock of London Office on his marriage to Miss Susan Mary Kinna at St. George's Church, Brighton, on Saturday, 27th July.

Congratulations and best wishes also to Mr. P.P. Lewis, Second Officer, on his marriage to Miss Tania Schterbina at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Grangetown, Cardiff, on 30th March 1974.

In sending best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Lewis, we also apologise for the delay before publishing the news.

A QUICK RECOVERY

Recently we heard that Captain W. Lawday had been in hospital for an operation. It is good to know he is out and about again and trundling a nifty wood or two on the green again.

COMPANY NEWS

SHARES

Despite the Stock Market being at its lowest level for fifteen years and many Stockbrokers forecasting an impending world economic recession, the shares of the Company have remained remarkably buoyant, compared with the general downward trend.

A possible explanation for this is that following the publication of our Annual Report and Accounts in July, many investors have noted our interest in the Off-Shore energy field and balanced expansion programme and that this may afford a certain amount of protection against the general industrial gloom.

The ordinary Stock Units are now quoted at 164p and the "A" Non-Voting Units at 138p, compared with 152p and 128p respectively for July.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

1961. The Chairman, Mr. Douglas Smith died and was succeeded by the Vice-Chairman, his nephew, Mr. Alan J. Reardon Smith.

1962. m.v. "CARDIFF CITY", completed 15th October. Built by Wm. Doxford & Sons Ltd., Sunderland, with Doxford 4 cylinder "A" type engines. 14630 d.w.t. 10089 g.t. Closed shelter deck. Owned by Reardon Smith Line, with cost to Company of £1,104,081.

The following ships were sold during this year:-

m.v. "ATLANTIC CITY"(3) sold in October to Lebanon as "Achillet",. Price obtained £80,000.

m.v. "EASTERN CITY" (3) sold in August to Lebanon as "Helmos". Price obtained £66,000.

m.v. "BRADFORD CITY" (4) sold in April to Vergocean S.S.Co.Ltd. London, as "Vercharmian". Price obtained £120,000.

ME, TOO!

Pessimism is now endemic in the middle classes.

Bus conductor, calling from the upper deck: "Is there a mackintosh down there big enough to keep two young ladies warm?"

Voice from below: "No, but there's a McCormick who's willing to try".

TRY THIS ONE

IT'S A HARD LIFE.

"It's no good giving up things you dislike", said Gladys "so I'm going to give up chocolates".

"In that case", sighed Muriel, "I shall have to give up cigarettes".

"I'm not going to be outdone by you girls", remarked Tom, "so I shall give up - er - sugar".

Each of them started their self-denial on the same day. After three days' abstinence Gladys became resigned, but she succumbed, finally, on a Tuesday. Muriel, who abstained for half as long again as Gladys, fell on a Wednesday. Tom, who abstained for twice as long as Gladys, threw in his hand on a Thursday, and was the only one of the three to hold out for more than a month.

For how many days did each of them abstain?

For baffled readers, we will publish the answer in the September issue.

In a recent publication of one of our national newspapers, the following appeared:

"Turks give in to a plea of Love"

"The Turkish Army allowed a Greek Cypriot woman to drive to freedom yesterday with her English fiancé. ...Maybe the Turks were good at figures!

It is a problem these days -

The Mint makes it and it is up to us to make it last.

SHIPS' POSITIONS

"ATLANTIC CITY"

On T/C to Compania de Navegacion "Las Perlas" S.A. of Panama until November 1975/ March 1976. Arrived Emden 31st July. Completes discharge iron ore and sails 8th August. Arrives Rotterdam 9th, loads cargo coal and sails 11th. Arrives Italy 17th, completing discharge 25th.

"CHIYODA"

On T/C to N.Y.K. Tokyo until March/July 1975. Arrived Jeddah 25th July, discharged cargo cars, sailed 28th. Arrives Port Elizabeth 9th August to load cargo manganese ore, but unable berth until 14th due to congestion. Expect sail 16th. Arrives and sails Singapore 30th. Arrives Japan 7th, September to commence discharge, completing 9th.

"CORNISH CITY"

On T/C to Lloyd Brasileiro of Rio de Janeiro until February/April 1975. Sailed Hong Kong 24th July. Arrived Kobe 27th, sailed 30th. Arrived Yokohama 31st, completed discharge 3rd August. Presently drydocking and repairing, which expect to complete 11th. Then loads cargo generals at Nagoya 12/15th, Kobe 16/19th, completing Yawata 20/22nd for Rio de Janeiro, Santos, Vitoria and Rio Grande.

"FRESNO CITY"

On B.C./U.K.Cont. Service. Arrived Newport 2nd August, commenced discharge forest products and sails 7th. Arrives Antwerp 10th, completing discharge about 14th. Vessel grounded on entering Newport on 30th July and had to return to anchorage until docking was effected on 2nd August. Drydocking will take place on completion discharge at Antwerp, but as far as can be seen at present, no serious damage to the vessel.

"INDIAN CITY"

On T/C to Yamashita Shinnihon S.S. Co.Ltd., Tokyo, until November 1976/March 1977. Arrives Kimitsu 11th August to commence discharge, completing Nagoya 15th. Arrives Yokohama 17th, loads cargo cars, sails 19th. Arrives and sails Panama Canal 11th September. Arrives Providence 17th, to commence discharge, completing Newark 20th. Then proceeds to Hampton Roads or U.S. Gulf to load coal for discharge Japan.

"NEW WESTMINSTER CITY"

On T/C to Jepsens (U.K) Ltd., of London. Arrived Kwinana 28th July, commenced discharge sulphur cargo and sailed 30th. Arrived Geraldton 31st, completed discharge 6th, commenced loading part cargo mineral sand and sails 7th., for Bunbury, where completes and sails 9th. Arrives Fremantle 10th, loads a parcel of talcum and sails 11th. Arrives Rotterdam for discharge about 13th September, completing about 17th.

"PORT ALBERNI CITY"

Arrived Kobe 22nd July and commenced discharge cargo grain and sailed 24th. Berthed Kawasaki 29th and completed discharge 31st. Delivered on time charter to Mitsui O.S.K. Ltd., and sailed same day. Arrives Gladstone 10th August to load part cargo coal, completing at Newcastle, N.S.W. and sailing 15th. Arrives Osaka 27th to discharge, completing and redelivering about 1st Sept.

"PRINCE RUPERT CITY"

Arrived and sailed Durban 31st/1st August. Arrives Singapore 14th to discharge parcel di-ammonium phosphate, sails 17th. Arrives Visakhapatnam 22nd August to complete discharge of phosphate, completing about 27th. Then delivers on time charter to Japan Line, loads cargo ore and sails Visakhapatnam 29th. Arrives Japan 11th September, completing and redelivering about 15th.

"TACOMA CITY"

Sailed Baton Rouge 23rd July. Arrived Brest 4th August and commenced discharge part cargo. Expect sail Brest 7th and arrives Bordeaux 8th, completing discharge and sailing 10th. Then proceeds U.S. Gulf port, arriving 24th, loads grain cargo and sails 30th. Arrives and sails Panama Canal 4th September. Arrives Japan 27th September to discharge, completing about 5th October.

"VANCOUVER CITY"

On T/C to Japan Line Ltd. Sailed Visakhapatnam 25th July. Arrived and sailed Singapore 30th. Arrives Sakai 7th August, completes discharge and redelivers about 8th. Then delivers on time charter to Jebbens (U.K) Ltd., of London. Intended to load phosphate Christmas Island for discharge South or East Australia, then loads steel, mineral sand or grain for discharge U.K.Cont., where arrives towards the end of October.

"VICTORIA CITY"

Completed discharge steel at New Westminster 21st July. Then proceeded to load forest products on the B.C./U.K.-Cont. service and sailed 22nd. Arrived Watson Island 24th, sailed 31st for New Westminster, Tahsis, completing at Nanaimo and sailing 10th August. Arrives and sails Panama Canal 22nd. Arrives Cardiff 3rd September to commence discharge, sails 11th, for Antwerp where completes about 16th.

"WELSH CITY"

On T/C to Intermare Transport G.M.B.H. of Hamburg until August/October 1974. Arrived Rotterdam 5th August to commence discharge, sails 10th. Arrives Bremen 11th, completing discharge about 14th.

"AMPARO"

Sailed Nagoya 23rd July. Arrived Yokohama 24th, sailed 30th. Arrived Tokyo 30th, sailed 3rd August. Arrives Ensenada 18th to commence discharge, completing at Acapulco and Manzanillo.

"ELENA"

Arrived Acapulco 22nd July, sailed 27th. Arrived Mazatlan 28th, sails 6th August for Los Angeles, where completes loading and sails 10th for Tsuruga, Nagoya, Yokkaichi, Osaka, completing discharge at Kobe.

"GELA"

Sailed Rotterdam 24th July. Arrived Antwerp 24th, sailed same day. Arrived Le Havre 25th, completed loading generals and sailed 28th. Arrives Vera Cruz 10th August, commences discharge and sails 13th. Then calls Tampico 14/16th, Progreso 18/20th, Hamburg 5/11th September, Bremen 12/13th, Rotterdam 14/15th, Antwerp 16/17th, Le Havre 18/19th for Vera Cruz 3rd October and finally Tampico.

"MARIA ELISA"

Arrived Champerico 22nd July, where sustained fire damage to cotton cargo in No. 2 hold. Expect complete and sail Champerico 4th August for Yokohama, arriving 20th to commence discharge, thence Nagoya, Yokkaichi, Osaka and Kobe.

"SARA LUPE"

Arrived San Francisco 22nd July, sailed 23rd. Arrived Vancouver 27th and loaded part cargo potash, completes with zinc concentrates and sails about 7th August. Arrives Yokohama 20th to discharge concentrates, sailing 21st for Singapore (bunkers) 28th, arriving Indian port about 2nd September to commence discharge potash.

ATLANTIC CITYCHIYODACORNISH CITY

Captain	D.C.Griffith-Jones	P.J. Boroughs	D.B. Jack
Chief Officer	M.W. Slayman	M.J. Bellamy	G.T. Parker
Second Officer	S.A.T.Scholedge	J. Henderson	P.G. Deschamps
Third Officer	P.A. Bullard	D.C. Cumming	N.M. Dunlop
Radio Officer	D. Edge	D.R. Appleton	-
Sec. Radio Officer	-	C.J. Bertram	-
Electronics Officer	-	-	R.H. Smith
Chief Engineer	G.D. Griffiths	D.M. Parsons	J.V. Barnes
Jun. Chief Engineer	-	W.R. Goodinson	-
Second Engineer	P.R. Bryant	-	J.B. Hocking
Jun. Second Engineer	-	D. Brown	-
Third Engineer	G.J. Morris	-	K. Rowney
Jun.Third Engineer	K. Atkinson	-	-
Fourth Engineer	-	N.P. Treen	G.E. Stevenson
Jun.Fourth Engineers	R.S. Allen	M. Corrie	K.A. Velda
	-	-	D.C. Lewis
Junior Engineers	M.G. Smith	P.B. Williams	M.J. Leonard
	P.J. Cleverley	-	-
Electrical Engineer	K.F. Bean	J. Kelly	D.W. Fuller
Catering Officer	G.J. Lyons	D.R. Roy	L. Slawinski
Deck Cadets	T.H. Jowett	A.P. Coles	T.L. Lawrence
	S.R. Davies	A. Powell	K.G. Whittingham
Engineer Cadet	-	A. Thomson	-
		G. Pugh	

FRESNO CITYGELAINDIAN CITY

Captain	G.S. Garlick	T.W.D. John	J. Vaughan
Chief Officer	D.L. Bell	F. Scott	E.W. Walmsley
Sen.Second Officer	-	-	N.P. Waldron
Second Officer	W.D. Howell	R.G. Hayton	J.R. Ashley
Third Officer	W. Thompson	J.M. Scott	S.P. Hodges
Radio Officer	G. Thomas	J.M.A. Pagnam	M. Savory
Chief Engineer	J.F. Hewson	D.W. Morse	M.E. Rayner
Second Engineer	R. Day	F.D. King	R.U. Bell
Jun.Second Engineer	-	T.J. Newell	J.D. Chatten
Third Engineer	R.J.Ridley-Prentice	-	A.W. Warburton
Fourth Engineer	G.A. Lewis	D.E. Simons	N.G. Whitby
Jun.Fourth Engineer	L. Griffiths	D.E. Rees	-
Junior Engineers	R.J. Bell	K. Romans	L.R. Gale
	-	-	W. Blunt
	-	-	C.C. French
Electrical Engineer	M. Bodycombe	J. Render	K.W.G.Hampton
Sec.Elec.Engineer	-	-	T. Moore
Catering Officer	J.L. Sanday	A.H. Fox	F.W. Lever
Deck Cadets	G.D. Evans	D.J. McMurdo	M.J. Voisey
	M.S. Rigg	-	T.S. Lawrence
	T.J. Tudball	-	S.R. Breedon
Engineer Cadet	N.G. Howe	M.G.Williams-Jones	-

MARIA ELISANEW WESTMINSTER CITY PORT ALBERNI CITY

Captain	A.B.Parkhouse	A.L.G. Gosset	B.A.G. Boyer
Chief Officer	J.L.G.Cotton	M.E. Jones	K. Jones
Second Officer	C. Bowell	G.Mapplebeck	H.H. Gale
Third Officer	A. Skilton	J. Paton	T.D. Lester
Radio Officer	F.G. Taylor	C.G. Macey	J.A. Heslop
Chief Engineer	J. Cormack	G.M.Cuthbertson	L.G.I. Taylor
Second Engineer	T.J. Lambert	T.Graham-Russell	R.B. Adey
Third Engineer	J.Prendergast	D. Millican	M.J. Snook
Fourth Engineer	M.J. Burt	D.B. Evans	N. Carroll
Junior Engineers	I.Macfarlene	G. Morgan	R.G. Wells
	J.A. Jones	S.W.Phillips	D.B. Thomas
	G.T. Strong	J. Fraser	-
Electrical Engineer	A.S. Stokes	C. Villa-Landa	M.J. Schmidt
Catering Officer	P.P. Delaney	N.A. Parselle	L.B. Surrey
Deck Cadets	P.P. Rowland	C.G.Perrott	C.D. Kisch
	S. Brown	G.P. Eyles	-

PRINCE RUPERT CITY SARA LUPETACOMA CITY

Captain	M.J. Higgins	J.D. Lloyd	W.D. Jones
Chief Officer	P.M. Baverstock	T. Lawson	T.M. Tait
Second Officer	R. Jammison	A.M. Beevor-Reid	S.P. Gorford
Third Officer	P.A. Ward	G. Sizer	G.L. Bent
Radio Officer	W.P. Hereward	D.S.H. Thomson	D.C. Short
Jun. Radio Officer	C.J. Burt	-	-
Chief Engineer	T. Sukkiennik	R.U. McLean	C.A.J. White
Second Engineer	R.A. Rees	T.W. Davies	G.J.J. Griffiths
Jun. Second Engineer	-	-	R.E. Diamond
Third Engineer	E.J. Burrup	O.G. Williams	-
Jun. Third Engineer	-	-	P.H. Evans
Fourth Engineer	J.P. Bowler	D.J. Carter	-
Jun. Fourth Engineer	-	P.W. Place	A. Doubler
Junior Engineers	W.M. Powell	J.W.J. Prophet	J.F. McCarthy
	T.E.J. Sperrin	S. McGrath	-
	R.B. Nickolls	-	-
Electrical Engineer	A. Hamilton	F.T. Peek	J.A.R. Cannon
Catering Officer	J.D. Peebles	J. Buckmaster	R.G. Pierce
Deck Cadets	I.H. Wooley	J.A. Taylor	A.C. Prosser
	D.J. Kinsey	J. Doody	R.S. Mortimore
Engineer Cadets	-	-	D. Whittle
	-	-	S.J. Staines

VANCOUVER CITYVICTORIA CITYWELSH CITY

Captain	J. Porteous	R.K. Stuart	J.J. Kalnins
Chief Officer	B.J. Bartlett	R.I. Crawford	J.S. Pearsall
Second Officer	P.P. Lewis	C.R. Goddard	J. Sharples
Third Officer	T.A. Price	B.T. Hernaman	N. Davies
Radio Officer	S.G.W. Whitmore	B.B. Everett	E.A. Willocks
Chief Engineer	B.M. Draper	J. Scott	D.W. Litson
Second Engineer	B.J. Allsopp	J. Foots	W.A. Bruce
Third Engineer	K.D. Morgan	J.V.H. Jones	A.C. Coombs
Jun. Third Engineer	-	I.M. Evans	-
Fourth Engineer	P.D. Slade	-	A. Edwards
Jun. Fourth Engineer	-	J.R. Lange	-
Junior Engineers	A. Clarkson	N.J. Pratt	M. Ford
	J.R. Carman	A. Hill	P. Ridley
	J. Murphy	-	P.V. Ashman
Electrical Engineer	J.T. Loraine	J.D.W. McLaren	B.K. Batey
Catering Officer	K. Llewellyn	A.P. Hughes	C.A. Parry
Deck Cadets	M.L. Frazer	W.J. Hutchings	K.F. Ballard
	M.E. Parsons	A.C. Melbourne	A.A. Field
	-	-	R.K. Phelps
Superintendents	-	R.A. Peach	-
	-	P.W. Evans	-

STAR PROCYON (ELENA) STAR ALCYON (AMPARO)

Captain	A.D. Lightfoot	G.F.R. Ellerby
Chief Officer	D.J. Hockett	R.E. Clifford
Second Officer	R.S. McKay	T.E. Thistleton
Third Officer	E. Bingley	P.F. Matthews
Radio Officer	B.A. Stagg	E.G. Bromham
Chief Engineer	J.G. Howell	D.W. Yool
Second Engineer	R.M. Paddock	G. Hughes
Third Engineer	D.W. Quayle	J.H. Davies
Fourth Engineer	R.H. Sanders	C.J. Griffiths
Jun. Fourth Engineer	A. Frost	-
Junior Engineers	-	R.M.B. Jenkins
	-	R.E. Pearson
Electrical Engineer	T. Willoughby	P. Tyerman
Catering Officer	R.G. Moylon	J.T. Jones
Engineer Cadet	C. Rees	-