

FIRE SCARE IN CRUISE LINER

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SIXTEEN HUNDRED MEN, women and children in the Panamanian liner the *Australis*, which docked in Cape Town today, were guided to open decks as a safety measure when a smokestack fire stopped the ship for five hours on Sunday.

The fire damaged electric cables in the other smokestacks, cutting the lighting to several public rooms, stairways and the air-conditioning.

Passengers in the round-the-world liner had just finished Sunday dinner when heavy smoke was seen pouring from the smokestack.

Fire teams went into it immediately with foam and water extinguishers.

MASTER BROADCASTS

A broadcast was made by the *Australis*'s master (Capt. Nicos Lamontopoulos) who told the 1,500 Greek, Yugoslav, British and American passengers not to panic.

Captain Lamontopoulos stopped the 26,315-ton liner and turned her stern into the wind to reduce the draft.

UNDER CONTROL

The fire was under control in about 15 minutes and passengers were allowed back into the public rooms.

The air-conditioning and some lighting is still out of order, but is being repaired. The liner was due in late on Sunday night but cleared

about 2 a.m. today. Her sailing time has not yet been set.

About 50 people from Cape Town will board the ship today.



TWENTY-YEAR-OLD JUDY LOCKEY, Miss *Australis* in the 1967 Miss World beauty contest, was in Cape Town today in the *Chandris* liner, the *Australis*. She is on her way back to Sydney in the ship.

Not a Miss World but she had a ball

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BLONDE, green-eyed Judy Lockey, Miss *Australis* in last year's Miss World contest, was in Cape Town today. And she would do it all again if she had the chance.

'But who wants a failed beauty queen,' the 20-year-old model said. 'I didn't get into the semi-finals — I only made the first 16.'

There were 80 entrants.

She has been touring Britain and on the Continent since the November contest. Her father in the Australian army 'introduced' rides in a group to see

her to the London beauty line-up.

'We got on well together. It's of us,' said Miss Lockey. 'Sixty girls in one hotel and you must have a good time. A lot of laughs and fun.'

Had she seen any trouper, jeannettes and anyone having a party? 'We all had a ball,' she

said with a beautiful straight face.

Miss Lockey was born in Britain but left with her parents when she was about four.

One thing she admits reluctantly is — she doesn't enjoy cricket, even Australian cricket.

'I like something with more action, like rugby,' she said.