

SJVA: 24th October, 1970

SPECIAL NOTICE NO. 2.

A technical team has arrived from Greece to assist in the restoration of services in the ship.

The Owners appreciate the difficulties encountered by passengers whose cabins were damaged in the fire and because it is unlikely that suitable repairs to those cabins can be completed prior to sailing, Chandris Lines have decided to get these passengers to their destinations by other means as quickly as possible.

All available berths on the P & O Liner "ORONSAY" which sails for Southampton tomorrow afternoon have been reserved and passengers allocated. These berths have been informed individually.

The scheduled airlines are heavily booked and special charter flights for other passengers have had to be arranged. Fiji being so far from the large airline centres, some delay in getting special aircraft has been unavoidable. The first Quantas 707 charter aircraft for 177 passengers leaves tomorrow, a second is confirmed for Monday, and a third for Tuesday. A special airlift for United States bound passengers is also being arranged and a departure time will be announced as soon as it is finalised.

The Ship and Shore staff are now working on the allocation of seats in these aircraft and passengers involved will all be notified individually.

A special baggage allowance of 88 lbs per adult passenger has been arranged. This represents three normal suitcases and is double the normal allowance. To accept more baggage would deprive passengers of aircraft seats but Chandris Lines will ensure that any passengers' baggage in excess of this amount will be carried on to your original destination as quickly as possible.

It is still anticipated that the ship will be able to proceed on her voyage on Tuesday but further details will be announced to you tomorrow.

Details have already been announced of free coach trips for passengers tomorrow, which will leave the ship at 9 a.m.