

SUVA: 25/10/70

SPECIAL NOTICE No. 3

On the recommendation of the Lines Senior Engineering Adviser, the vessel will now remain at Suva until Friday, 30th October, whilst work continues on the restoration of the galley and pantry complex affected by the fire.

The two groups of the Company's Engineering and Electrical Technicians are expected to arrive from Greece within the next two days and will provide welcome reinforcements for the Ship's Engineers who have worked around the clock ever since the events of the 22nd. Local engineers will continue to assist and further stores and equipment will be flown in from all corners of the world. Understandably, galley services will not have returned to the usual high standards when the ship sails on Friday but every endeavour will be made to attain the same standard as quickly as humanly possible.

Permanent repairs will be effected at Rotterdam and the ship-yard concerned is shipping out further stocks of material to its depot at Curacao where they will be picked up by the s.s. "AUSTRALIS".

Because of this forced diversion to Curacao, we regret to announce that the Miami call has been cancelled. The itinerary will now be:-

SUVA - ACAPULCO - PANAMA - CURAÇAO - SOUTHAMPTON - ROTTERDAM.

~~Passengers booked for Miami will now be flown out by flight CA 498~~ departing Tuesday, 27th October. This flight will land at Niagara at 14.35 hours on 27th October. Other U.K. destined passengers will travel on flight CA 498 departing Nadi on Tuesday 27th October, arriving Gatwick at 06.05 hours on 28th October. Monday's flight CA 502 will take 177 passengers to Gatwick and will arrive at Gatwick (near London) at 06.15 hours on 27th October and German and Dutch passengers will be on carried from there to their original destinations.

Passengers on all the above flights will be contacted individually by the Purser's staff and will be given fullest information concerning access to the Baggage Room for winter clothing, their baggage allowance and concerning all other arrangements.

The Owners of "AUSTRALIS", having now received the detailed reports of events, ask that their appreciation be expressed to the passengers whose behaviour, patience and understanding have greatly assisted the Ship's complement in the safe passage to Suva and the unavoidable inconvenience that followed the fire.