

group trade review

SHIPPING:

Lions take sea way back to Africa

SOUTHAMPTON—Sailing for Cape Town in Union-Castle's cargo-mailship *Southampton Castle* on February 23 were 10 lions. Born at Windsor Safari Park, the lions (eight males and two females) are two and a half years old, gentle and good tempered and in fine health. They were purchased by the Boswell Wilkie Circus of South Africa.

On-board food, kept in a specially selected refrigerated container, included 750 kilos of beef, horse meat and bone meal, 50 pints of milk and 60 eggs. The lions eat between eight and 15 pounds of food six days of the week. On the seventh day they are starved—so developing a very healthy appetite by the time day one comes round.

Eric Node, a Swede, accompanied the lions on the voyage to South Africa, and will continue to feed and train them with the circus there.

■ *There were stars among Union-Castle's cruise passengers (see story column two) for the start of the cruise season from Southampton. Below: Harry Worth with Hilda Ogden (of TV's Coronation Street) on the lido deck of Reina del Mar, awaiting the ship's departure on March 9 for her first Caribbean cruise. Picture: H. J. Wood.*

Manchester's Clan

MANCHESTER—Following the completion of the Jones/Aldington dock labour severance scheme, the Manchester force has been reduced to just over 800 men and in common with most other major ports severe shortages have resulted, writes Peter Coultras.

Clan Macintosh arrived on January 20 and sailed early on February 28, during which time she discharged 6,100 tons from South Africa, drydocked for six days, and loaded 4,900 tons general cargo for Mauritius, Colombo, Bombay and Madras. According to our records, and discounting the war years, she was the first *Clan* vessel to load at Manchester on our own berth since *Clan Macbeth* Voyage 48 out, in August 1934.

Clan Grant diverted here to discharge some 4,300 tons Avonmouth and Liverpool cargo including 56,000 chests of tea. So much of this national beverage has not been seen on Manchester Docks for a long time.

Cruise cabaret

SOUTHAMPTON—On Friday March 9 the 20,000-ton Union-Castle cruise ship *Reina del Mar* left on her first-ever cruise to the Caribbean, with over 650 passengers on board. She called first at Tenerife in the

■ *Below: rare visitor for the inland port brought out the recording photographers. Clan Macintosh unloading in the Manchester Ship Canal Dock—see story above. Picture: Port of Manchester.*

Canary Islands, before following the southerly route across the Atlantic to the Caribbean.

Her ports of call were Trinidad, Antigua, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Bridgetown (Barbados) and Madeira, returning to Southampton April 6.

To augment the ship's normal entertainment a number of professional entertainers made at least part of the voyage. Eue Boswell entertained between Southampton and Trinidad, while from Trinidad cabaret artiste Celia Nicholls, with her musical director and accompanist Ronnie Caryl, took over. Making the whole cruise were Jenny and Tadashi (both sing and Tadashi plays a variety of musical instruments). Finally Derek Roy flew to Barbados to join the ship for the voyage back to the UK.

New loading brokers

Union-Castle Line have appointed Hy. Langridge & Co., 3 St. Helens Place, London, EC3A 6BE as loading brokers for their cargo services from London to the islands of Ascension and St. Helena and to Lobito.

For the Lobito service the appointment began in February, and for the islands service in April.

Bills of lading for these destinations should be lodged with Hy. Langridge & Co.

