

# group trade review

## SHIPPING: retirement of Commodore Charnley

When *Windsor Castle* docked at Southampton on July 28, Capt. Harold Charnley, commodore of B&C, completed his last serving voyage. After more than 46 years afloat, Capt. Charnley, 63, is retiring and plans to settle in southern Africa with his wife, Margaret, whom he met when she was travelling aboard *Windsor Castle* as a passenger.

Born and brought up in Barrow-in-Furness, Capt. Charnley first went to sea at the age of 15 in 1929 as an apprentice to the firm of Stephen Sutton of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, spending four years aboard tramp steamers, carrying coal to South America and bringing back grain. He stayed with that firm until shortly before the outbreak of war, when he joined Shaw Savill as fourth officer in *Waiotera*. In December 1940 that ship was torpedoed and sunk, but a British destroyer was quickly on the scene to pick up survivors. Capt. Charnley then joined Bibby Line and was involved in the evacuation of Singapore in 1941.

In 1942 he joined Union-Castle as fourth officer aboard *Capetown Castle* in which he served for five years. There followed a period of 10 years during which he served in a variety of vessels; then in 1957 Capt. Charnley was appointed chief officer and quick promotion came his way. In 1965 he was given his first command, *Margaret Bowater*, sailing from Ellesmere Port to the Gulf of Bothnia bringing back wood pulp for newsprint. He then took command of *Constance Bowater*, the fruit ships *Roslin* and *Rothsay Castles*, and then of *Good Hope Castle*. In September 1970 he took command of the passenger liner *Pendennis Castle* and moved to *Windsor Castle* in March 1973. His appointment as commodore of the British & Commonwealth Shipping fleet was made the following month.

### Tourist class cabins with private facilities

Union-Castle is now offering a small number of tourist class cabins with shower and toilet facilities on most sailings of *Windsor Castle*. These are double cabins normally used as first class accommodation (lowest rate), but when not required as such they are offered to tourist class passengers.

The tourist class rate to Cape Town for these cabins is £335 per person. A third



■ Capt. Harold Charnley.

(upper) berth can be made available in each cabin if required and this berth is charged at the rate of £263 to Cape Town.

### New sailings brochure for mail service

Union-Castle/Safmarine have issued a new fares and sailings brochure which lists passenger sailings to September 1976.

After the withdrawal of *Edinburgh Castle* next April, the sailing of the *SA Vaal* will be put forward one week so that there will be a passenger sailing from Southampton to South Africa on an almost fortnightly basis. The new schedule commences with the sailing of the *SA Vaal* from Southampton on June 11, 1976.

■ *Royal Prerogative*, a six-year-old chestnut stallion by *Kelko*, has been exported to South Africa and was shipped to Cape Town aboard Union-Castle's Southampton Castle which sailed from Southampton Friday, July 25. *Royal Prerogative*, a winner of more than £35,000 prize money, will stand at the Broadlands stud in Cape Province. Three other racehorses and 11 bulls made an interesting cargo of livestock for the vessel.

