

March 2, 1944.

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ITEM 1. (2 Items).

Comment

SUBJECT: Coast Guard Hearing Units; Re. SS FLOMAR.

DETAILS:

One of the cases repeatedly spoken of prior to this as regards the ~~political~~ political implications under the surface of charges brought against unlicensed personnel by ship's officers is seen in the following.

Aboard the SS Flomar, which docked from a voyage over a month ago the Chief Mate, Tommy MOORE placed one, James Joyce MILLICAN on charges before the Coast Guard Hearing Unit. Millican's identification certificate is No. Z 95416, (Duplicate 3); Also holds E 473441, (efficiency).

On the face of the affair it appears that Millican was the ship's delegate for the deck department and ran into some dispute with the mate in the performance of such tasks pertaining to the disputes of overtime.

Millican is a member of the SUP, which while it has acted from a trade union basis has always opposed the NMU on political grounds. Moore, it is said, is a former NMU member and engaged all and sundry in the wheelhouse during his watches at sea in conversation as to the "merits" of the NMU.

Millican now alleges that it was because he objected to the NMU boasts by Moore that he was charged with a routine infraction on alleged insubordination and had his papers suspended for some two months. He alleges that the Mate charged him because of said objections and not because of any actual wrong doing and that when he attempted to enter such a plea in his own defense it was disallowed at the hearing.

It is ~~thought~~ thought that the hearing took place in Baltimore.

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Itinerary: South Ferry and area; Boro Hall; West 47th St; Rector St; Home.

Expences Incurred: Carfares: 25¢; Phones: 45¢; Entertainment: 20¢.

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