

SHIP:

SS LOIDA

Panamama

FLAG:

OPERATOR:

UNION:

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT:

Office of Censorship Record No. MI-211982, Exam. 2-23-43
Table 510/2 Examiner S/S 4940 D.A.C. 4136, Previous
Record, MI-202513, Letter from Captain/to Capt. J. Hagloff
/T.J.Vatis

PLACE:

At sea

DATE REFERRED TO THE COAST GUARD:

March 23, 1943

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DATE REFERRED TO UNION:

March 24, 1943

*W. J. ...
LTK*

SHIP:

SS LOIDA

DATE OF OCCURRENCE:

Not Given

DATE OF ORIGINAL
COMPLAINT:

February 25, 1943

CREW INVOLVED:

Anastasios Sarafoglou
Third Officer

CHARGE:

The Master, Tho. J. Vatis, 533 Spoleto Drive, Santa Monica, Cal., charged that this third officer was a professional psychological saboteur who was an agitator spreading discontent among the crew and subtly undermining the morale of the seamen. The Master reported that he had, for several weeks, received letters from members of the Greek crew which were insulting and complaining, especially from the engine crew personnel. They generally threatened not to attend to their duties as they had done before. Sarafoglou also wrote such insulting letters, and it was the Master's general opinion that he was, with the aid of two of lieutenants, spreading disorder and lowering morale in the crew personnel. For this reason, the Master was asking the aid of one Captain J. Hagloff, care International Petroleum Company, at Talara, Peru, in having these three persons discharged.