

Renaming Ceremony

Watched by a crowd of many hundreds, the Mailship Transvaal Castle was renamed S.A.Vaal at a colourful and impressive ceremony held in Cape Town Docks on 12th January, 1966 when Mrs. C. R. Swart, wife of the State President of South Africa, unveiled a panel bearing the liner's new name.

As the green velvet curtaining was drawn aside to reveal the name S.A.Vaal, Officers saluted and the South African Navy Band played "Die Stem", the South African national anthem.

Sir Nicholas Cayzer, accompanied by Lady Cayzer, was present at the ceremony which was attended by many Government, civic, commercial, industrial and shipping dignitaries including Dr. H. J. van Eck, Chairman of the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa Ltd., Mr. F. H. Y. Bamford, Chairman of South African Marine Corporation Ltd., Mr. C. S. Corder, Chairman of Cayzer, Irvine South Africa (Pty) Ltd., & Mrs. Corder, Mr. W. R. H. Austin, Managing Director of Cayzer, Irvine South Africa (Pty) Ltd., & Mrs. Austin, and Mr. A. F. Murray-Johnson, Assistant Managing Director of Cayzer, Irvine South Africa (Pty) Ltd., & Mrs. Murray-Johnson.

The ceremony was followed by a reception held in the Assembly Room of S.A.Vaal.

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