Marine

AIDA IV (Egypt)
Port Said, June 4 -- Training Aida IV completed repairs and sailed on June 3.-- Lloyd's Agents. (See issue of May 28.)

ASPHALT SEMINOLE (Republic of Ireland)
London, June 4 -- A US Coast Guard press report, dated June 3, states: The USCGS Seminole received an asphalt spill at the Sprague Energy terminal on the Fore River, Maine, around 1930, local time, June 2. Tugs (not specified) Asphalt Seminole (6282gt, built 1980) notified Coast Guard Sector Northern New England at 1900, that about 670 gallons of asphalt was released into the river while they were transferring product to the terminal. Once in contact with the cold water, the hot asphalt solidified and formed a pancake-like material within the discharge boom that was already in place around the vessel and pier, as required during transfers. The sector disputed a pollution investigator, a marine investigator and a facility responder. Additionally, the South Portland Fire Department, Maine Department of Environmental Protection 3 National Response Corporation and Sprague terminal manager responded. Sprague contracted Clean Harbors Environmental Services to clean up the spill. The Coast Guard is currently investigating the cause of the spill said Cmdr. Brian Downey, the deputy sector commander of Coast Guard Sector Northern New England. "Every effort is being made to ensure a smooth clean-up with minimal impact to the environment."

BORDER (Antigua & Barbuda)
London, June 4 -- Fully containerised containership Border arrived Reina May 27, sailed May 29 and arrived Durban Jun 2 and according to Lloyd's MHS AIS was still at Durban at 0117, UTC today. (See issue of May 26.)

DAWN PRINCESS (U.K.)
London, June 3 -- A press report, dated today, states: Swine flu fears disrupted another Australian cruise yesterday when New Caledonia authorities refused to allow passengers ashore because some had flu symptoms, an official said. Meanwhile, other Asian countries reported that the virus was continuing to disrupt the travel industry. Dawn Princess (7744gt, built 1997) with almost 2,000 passengers on board is on a 13-day South Pacific cruise. New Caledonia was to be the final port of call before the vessel returns to Sydney on Friday (Jun 5). But authorities refused the ship permission to disembark passengers ashore because some had flu symptoms, cruise ship owner Carnival PLC spokesman Anthony Fisk said. Two Carnival cruises are sailing to the South Pacific and to Australia's Great Barrier Reef have reported cases of swine flu in recent weeks. Fisk said health authorities were monitoring the situation in New Caledonia. The ship had already visited Fiji and Vanuatu. Swabs from the sick passengers will be flown from New Caledonia to Sydney, where they will be tested for swine flu before the Dawn Princess returns, Fisk said.

London, Jun 4 -- A press report dated today, states: Passenger (cruise) Dawn Princess cleared of swine flu two days after it was turned away from New Caledonia. NSW's chief health officer Kerry Chant, said took five passengers yesterday returned negative results for the H1N1 virus. "This means that all 2000 passengers and 860 crew will be allowed to disembark in Sydney on Friday morning (Jun 5) and continue their onward travel, as normal," Dr Chant said. The Dawn Princess's 13-day South Pacific journey was plagued by swine flu. The ship left Sydney nine hours late Monday after two passengers on the previous cruise were tested positive for the flu. It was forced to abandon its first scheduled stop on Noumea, in New Caledonia, because of bad weather. And after four stops in Fiji and Vanuatu, New Caledonia authorities refused to allow the Dawn Princess to dock for its final stop on Tuesday morning after the vessel's crew notified them of five passengers with flu-like symptoms. Dr Chant last night said there were still no confirmed cases of community transmitted swine flu in NSW. "Despite the fact that Victoria has raised its alert level to "NSW will continue to apply containment measures," she said.

FORTUNA REEFER (Kiribati)
London, Jun 4 -- Reefer Fortuna Reefer arrived Busan May 28 from Shishido, and sailed same day for Polupesi. (See issue of Mar 5.)

GAN-VENTURE (Bahamas)
London, June 4 -- Combined chemical and oil tanker Gan-Venture arrived Vancouver June 19 and according to Lloyd's MHS AIS was in lat 48.50n, long 123.03w, at 0304, UTC, today, course 127 degrees, speed 15.4 knots. (See issue of Jun 4.)

GARNET (Panama)
See "Malaysia" under "Piracy."

GREAT NEWS (Liberia)
Great News -- A press report, dated today, states: Energy Minister James Robertson, Ministry officials and the media got a close up view of damage done to one of the loading docks at the Petrotax refinery off Marcus Garvey Drive in Kingston this morning. On Monday, crude oil tanker Great News transporting crude oil ran aground on the dock significantly damaging the huge concrete structure. The ship too had a large gash in its side, showing the impact of the contact. Despite the damage, the Energy Minister said the dock will still be used to collect crude oil from incoming vessels. "We are looking at converting the damaged dock into a single point mooring system, just using the existing structure to continue the operation of Petrotax, the offloading of fuel. We're also exploring the usage of other company storage and that will help us along the south coast with Jamaica Public Service Company and with the mining industry," said Mr Robertson. He added that a probe into what led to the accident is now being carried out. He was however unable to give a date for completion of the investigation. According to Mr Robert, the impact site and the equipment lost during the accident were insured and the ship in question will have to stay in the country longer than planned as there is still a high insurance claim. However, because of the insurance, the owners of the vessel will have to continue paying berthing costs. (See issue of Jun 4.)

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