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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

COMMUNICATIONS
Ships

Czech Boat Laid Up.

SOURCE STOCKHOLM : Confidential source.

DATE OF OBSERVATION : Until beginning July 1953.

EVALUATION COMMENT : "Republika" the first Czechoslovak overseas vessel, was christened on 11 January 1952. (see an article in "RP" of 16 January 1952.)

On 18 July 1952, hit by a typhoon, she sent out distress signals, near the Chinese coast. She was saved by the USN destroyer and towed into TIENTSIN harbor on 21 July 1952.

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"Republika", the vessel Czechoslovakia purchased in the West not very long ago, is since several months put up in a Chinese yard in SHANGHAI, for damage done by a torrent in the Pacific in Spring 1953.

The "Republika" was the first vessel purchased by Czechoslovakia. She was immediately employed in the Chinese trade.

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