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1. The Polish Merchant Marine has bought two passenger ships in Hungary which were built in the Budapest shipyard. The ships, of 600 tons, are fitted with very powerful oil engines and have a range of 500 nautical miles without refuelling. The ships do not have double bottoms or ballast chambers. Each can carry 150 passengers.
2. The first ship is due to arrive in Poland in June 1955. A skeleton crew under Captain Nowaryta has gone to Hungary in order to make delivery. The ship will sail down the Danube to the Black Sea and thence around Europe to Gdynia.
3. Employees of the central board of the Polish Merchant Marine are wondering for what purpose the ships were bought. The Polish coastal shipping concern already has several passenger vessels lying idle because passenger trips are not popular. This lack of popularity can be attributed to various difficulties and security precautions.

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