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The Minister for Labour has appointed under Section 49(c) of the Factories Act a Committee of Inquiry to inquire into the explosion and fire which occurred on board the tanker "SPYROS" on 12 Oct 78. The Committee of Inquiry will be headed by the Senior District Judge, Mr Michael Khoo. He will be assisted by two assessors consisting of Capt Foo See Jiook, Port Captain, ESSO S'pore Pte Ltd and Mr Chua Teck Hock, Senior Assistant Director, Department of Scientific Services.

The date and venue of the inquiry will be announced shortly.

The Ministry has all along been directing all shipyards to comply with safety regulations laid down by legislations and other safety measures adopted by the various shipyards on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Accident Prevention in the Shipbuilding and Repairing Industry. Managements of shipyards have in fact agreed to implement these safety measures.

The major mishap is a grim reminder of the need for stringent observance of safety regulations and procedures by managements, workers, and others involved in the industry.

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