

Government Ticker: March 10, 1942

RIO DE JANEIRO.--THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS TURNING OVER THE 23,861-TON ITALIAN LUXURY LINER CONTE GRANDE TO THE U.S. IT WAS REVEALED: THE DISCLOSURE WAS MADE WHEN U.S. OFFICERS ARRIVED BY PLANE TO TAKE OVER COMMAND OF THE VESSEL. THE CONTE GRANDE, WHICH HAS LAIN IDLE IN A BRAZILIAN PORT SINCE SHORTLY AFTER ITALY'S ENTRY IN THE WAR, WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IN JANUARY UNDER AN ARRANGEMENT WITH ITALY TO OPERATE IDLE ITALIAN SHIPS AND TO COMPENSATE THEIR OWNERS AFTER THE WAR.  
THE CONTE GRANDE WAS BUILT IN 1928.

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