

ADD DROTTHINGHOLM, JERSEY CITY

WHEN THE DROTTHINGHOLM REACHED QUARANTINE BEFORE DOCKING, CUSTOMS AGENTS ARRESTED THREE ALLEGED MEMBERS OF A DIAMOND SMUGGLING RING SOUGHT FOR FIVE YEARS.

THEY SEIZED ALEX BESSMERTNY, HIS WIFE ESTELLE, AND DOROTHY GREENBERG, WHO WERE AMONG 55 PERSONS INDICTED FIVE YEARS AGO IN CONNECTION WITH THE SMUGGLING OF \$13,000,000 WORTH OF UNCUT DIAMONDS. BESSMERTNY AND THE TWO WOMEN FLED THE COUNTRY AFTER CUSTOMS AGENTS FOUND \$286,000 IN UNCUT GEMS IN THE FALSE BOTTOM OF A SUITCASE IN NOVEMBER, 1936. THEY WERE KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE, HOWEVER, WHILE THEY MOVED THROUGH FRANCE, BELGIUM AND FINALLY PORTUGAL, TO WHICH THEY FLED AS THE NAZIS ADVANCED ON THE LOW COUNTRIES.

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BESIDES THE DROTTHINGHOLM, ANOTHER ARRIVAL FROM LISBON WAS THE PORTUGUESE LINER GUINE, SOME OF WHOSE 215 PASSENGERS REPORTED THAT A PLANE, PRESUMABLY AMERICAN, HAD DROPPED A SMALL BOMB NEAR THEM LAST FRIDAY. SHIP'S OFFICERS REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE EVENT BUT ONE PASSENGER SAID THE "BOMB" WAS DROPPED AFTER THE PLANE HAD "SIGNALLED WITH A LIGHT."

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