

T / JERSEY CITY.--THE SWEDISH-AMERICAN LINER DROTTNINGHOLM DOCKED AT JERSEY CITY THIS MORNING, RETURNING 908 DIPLOMATS; NEWSPAPERMEN AND OTHER CITIZENS OF MORTH AND LATIN AMERICAN FROM GERMANY.

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ADD DROTTNINGHOLM, JERSEYCITY

THE WORD "DIPLOMAT" WAS PAINTED IN LARGE LETTERS ON THE SIDE OF THE BIG LINER WHICH SWUNG INTO THE PIER AT 8:33 A.M. SHE HAD CARRIED AXIS DIPLOMATS FROM THE U.S. TO LISBON A FEW WEEKS AGO AND THEN PICKED UP AMERICAN NATIONALS AT THE PORTUGUESE PORT.

AMONG THOSE ABOARD THE DROTTNINGHOLM, WHICH CROSSED THE ATLANTIC UNDER A SAFE CONDUCT EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE AXIS, WAS ADMIRAL WILLIAM D. LEAHY, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, WHO WAS CALLED BACK TO THIS COUNTRY FOR CONSULTATION BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. A FEW DAYS BEFORE HE LEFT VICHY, FRANCE, LEAHY'S WIFE DIED. HER BODY WAS RETURNED ON THE VESSEL.

ANOTHER RETURNING AMERICAN DIPLOMAT WAS HERBERT C. PELL, MINISTER TO HUNGARY. HIS WIFE ACCOMPANIED HIM.

THE PIER, DESPITE WAR-TIME RESTRICTIONS WAS CROWDED WITH ABOUT 300 RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THOSE ABOARD. THEY HAD SENT UP LOUD CHEERS WHEN THE LINER, POKING SLOWLY THROUGH THE FOG-COVERED WATERS OF THE HARBOR, WAS SEEN APPROACHING NEAR THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. THEY STARTED WAVING HANDKERCHIEFS LONG BEFORE ANY SIMILAR RESPONSE COULD BE SEEN ABOARD THE SHIP. WHEN THE LINER COULD BE SEEN MORE CLEARLY, THE PASSENGERS WERE PERCEIVED LINING THE PORT RAIL AND WAVING FRANTICALLY TO THEIR FRIENDS ASHORE.

THE RETURNING PASSENGERS WERE MET AT THE PIER BY THE SHIP UNITS OF THE NEW YORK RED CROSS CHAPTER, WHICH SERVED COFFEE, MILK AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS AS THEY STEPPED OFF THE GANGPLANK. SEVEN NURSES ALSO WERE AVAILABLE TO CARE FOR ANY WHO MIGHT BE ILL.

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KEY WEST.--SIX SEAMEN ABOARD A MEDIUM-SIZED BRAZILIAN FREIGHTER LOST THEIR LIVES SOUTH OF HAITI ON MAY 24, WHEN THEIR SHIP WAS TORPED-OED AND SUNK BY AN AXIS SUBMARINE WITH A GROTESQUE DESIGN ON ITS CONNING TOWER, CREWMEN WHO WERE RESCUED AND BROUGHT HERE, REPORTED TODAY.

THE SURVIVORS WERE UNABLE TO ATTACH ANY SIGNIFICANCE TO THE DESIGN WHICH FEATURED THE HEAD OF A GOAT WITH LONG HORNS AND THE STEM OF A RED ROSE IN ITS MOUTH.

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ADD DROTTHINGHOLM, JERSEY CITY

CAPT. ADOLPH B. VON PICKARDT, U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE AT BERLIN, WHO WAS INTERNED FOR FIVE MONTHS AT BAD-NAUHEIM, GERMANY, SAID THE AIR RAIDS ON INLAND GERMANY HAD NOT BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE ON GERMAN MORALE BUT THAT THOSE ON THE FUHR AREA WERE "ANOTHER STORY."

HE SAID THAT THE GERMANS STILL HOPED TO WIN "BECAUSE POLITICALLY THEY ARE MORE UNIFIED AND CONSEQUENTLY FEEL THAT THEIR PRODUCTION IS BETTER ORGANIZED" THAN IN THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES.

CAPTAIN PICKHARDT SAID HE BELIEVED THE GERMAN PEOPLE STILL THINK THE SAME OF HITLER AS BEFORE THE RUSSIAN WAR. THEY WERE "DISAPPOINTED," HE SAID, AT AMERICAN ENTRY INTO THE WAR.

"THE GERMANS HAVE A HEALTHY SCORN OF ITALY AND WERE SURPRISED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE JAPS," HE SAID.

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DISEMBARKATION WAS DELAYED FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AFTER THE SHIP DOCKED.

THE FIRST TO LEAVE WAS ADMIRAL LEAHY, WHO STEPPED DOWN THE GANGPLANK AT 9:55 A.M., AND LEFT IMMEDIATELY FOR WASHINGTON. HE SAID HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT UNTIL HE REACHED THERE.

A FEW MINUTES BEFORE, THE FLAG-DRAPED COFFIN CONTAINING THE BODY OF MRS. LEAHY WAS REMOVED FROM THE SHIP. A NAVAL GUARD OF HONOR OF EIGHT SAILORS ACCOMPANIED IT TO PENNSYLVANIA STATION WHERE IT WAS TO BE PLACED ABOARD THE SAME TRAIN ON WHICH THE ADMIRAL LEFT.

THE ADMIRAL WAS GREETED ABOARD SHIP BY HIS BROTHER, COMMANDER M. A. LEAHY, U.S.N.

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