

Government Ticker: March 16, 1942

ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE WELLES REVEALED THAT THE SWEDISH STEAMER DRODDNINGHOLM HAS BEEN CHARTERED BY THE U.S. TO REPATRIATE AMERICAN AND AXIS DIPLOMATS WAITING TO RETURN HOME.

THE DRODDNINGHOLM, WELLES SAID, WILL RETURN THE EUROPEAN AXIS DIPLOMATS FROM NEW YORK TO LISBON. THEN IT WILL BRING AMERICAN DIPLOMAT HOME FROM EUROPE.

WELLES SAID IT WAS ALSO PLANNED TO USE THE SAME VESSEL TO TAKE JAPANESE DIPLOMATS TO PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA, WHERE THEY WILL BE EXCHANGED FOR AMERICAN DIPLOMATS FROM THE ORIENT.

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Government Ticker: April 15, 1942

STOCKHOLM.--THE 11,000-TON SWEDISH LINER DROTTNINGHOLM SAILS FROM GOTHENBURG FOR NEW YORK TODAY WITH 200 U.S. CITIZENS, MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

GERMAN AUTHORITIES LAST NIGHT ACCEDDED TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR THE SHIP'S "FREE PASSAGE."

THE VESSEL HAS BEEN PAINTED WHITE AND EQUIPPED WITH 40 LARGE LIGHTS ON THE HULL AND DECK FOR PROTECTION AGAINST BELLIGERENT SHIPS AT NIGHT. LARGE LETTERS PAINTED ON THE SIDES DESIGNATE HER AS A NEUTRAL SHIP.

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Government Ticker: April 20, 1942

STOCKHOLM.--THE SWEDISH LINER DROTTNINGHOLM SAILED FOR NEW YORK YESTERDAY WITH 154 AMERICAN CITIZENS.

ADD WELLES
WELLES ALSO REVEALED THAT LAST MINUTE DIFFICULTIES, NONE OF THEM SERIOUS, HAD PREVENTED THE SWEDISH STEAMER DROTTNINGHOLM FROM SAILING ON SCHEDULE ON ITS MISSION OF TRANSPORTING AXIS DIPLOMATS FROM THE U. S. TO LISBON.
HE SAID THAT AS SOON AS THE DIFFICULTIES WERE CLEARED AWAY AND THE DROTTNINGHOLM HAD SAILED, HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION REGARDING EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATS.

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