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~~Charter Ship to Get Diplomats~~

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WASHINGTON, March 16—The Swedish steamer Drottningholm has been chartered to repatriate American and Axis diplomats, Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, said today. The vessel will carry Axis diplomats from New York to Lisbon, and there pick up Americans, after which she will take Japanese diplomats to Portuguese East Africa and bring back United States officials from the Far East. Safe passage is to be guaranteed by the belligerents.

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