



HEADQUARTERS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON

ADD MANHATTAN, WEST PALM BEACH
CMDR. J. E. WHITBECK OF THE MOJAVE SAID THAT THE 199 PASSENGERS
PROBABLY WOULD BE TAKEN OFF EARLY THIS AFTERNOON BY A FLEET OF SMALL
BOATS FROM WEST PALM BEACH.
"IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GUESS WHAT MIGHT BE DONE WITH THE COAST GUARD
EQUIPMENT ON HAND," WHITBECK TOLD REPORTERS ABOARD THE CUTTER.
HE ANNOUNCED THAT A POWERFUL WRECKING TUG FROM KEY WEST, PROBABLY
THE WILLETTE, WAS DUE AT 1 P.M. TO JOIN THE TWO COAST GUARD BOATS AND
THAT THE CUTTER MODOC HAD BEEN ORDERED TO PROCEED TO THE SCENE FROM
WILMINGTON, DEL. THEY ALSO WILL HAVE THE HELP OF THE TUG SOLORINO,
WHICH WAS STANDING BY.
A LONG, SLOW SWELL STILL PREVAILED AND IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE TASK
OF REMOVING THE PASSENGERS WOULD BE LONG AND TEDIOUS. BY NOON, THE
SHIP WAS LISTING AT AN ANGLE OF FROM 15 TO 18 DEGREES AND LOW TIDE
WOULD NOT BE REACHED UNTIL 3:30 P.M.
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