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COLUMBUS CREW SEEK REFUGE IN U.S.A.

You will remember that, just before Christmas, the big German ship COLUMBUS was scuttled by her Captain under Hitler's orders, some four hundred miles off the American Coast, when challenged by British Warships.... All the crew were picked up, from the ship's lifeboats.

Today special trains bring the 512 members of scuttled COLUMBUS's crew to San Francisco Bay ..... They hope to get back to Germany with their Captain Daehne (here addressing them) aboard one of the Japanese boats, via the Pacific.

The idea at the moment, is for the men to go to Angel Island in Frisco Bay; until the Nippon Yusen and Kaisya liner TATUTA MARU sails in a few days time.

However, the Tatuta Maru sails <u>without</u> the Columbus men! And the reason? Just a matter of Allied Naval Units, waiting outside the Golden Gate to pick-them-off, for internment, for the duration....

The German Consul is glad of the timely warning, So, plans are changed. and the scuttled five hundred and twelve have to decide on a postponement of their dash home.... Until some other means is found, to send them on their way, they must continue to seek asylum in the United States. They will stay at Angel Island's Immigration Station.. possibly for the duration of the war.