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Nazi Ship Guard Costs City \$134,000

Police Department Estimates Cost

New York City's income from pier rentals to the large German steamship companies has been cut more than a third by the necessity of giving heavy police protection to the lines.

Three weeks ago the North German Lloyd and Hapag Lloyd lines, which use piers 84 and 86, asked for a strong guard and since then four sergeants and forty patrolmen have been assigned to the exclusive duty of guarding the pier twenty-four hours a day.

On a yearly basis the cost to the city of the police guards is \$134,000. The rental received for the piers last year was \$323,876 and it will be about the same this year.

Of course, no new policemen were put on the pay rolls, to guard the piers, but it was necessary to take men from other duties and police officials regard the loss of the men as being quite as serious as a loss to the department of \$134,000 from its budget.

This is because it generally is admitted that the department needs every man it has and more, too, for handling the crime and traffic problems with which it is faced.

The police guard is needed at the pier because of the intense animosity against the Nazis aroused by the persecutions of Jews, Catholics and Protestants in the Reich and particularly because of the attacks upon the Jews in recent weeks.

In addition to the cost of guarding the piers the city is paying \$25,000 a year to policemen who are assigned exclusively to guarding the German Consulate. The guards at the Consulate are a captain, a lieutenant, two sergeants, two patrolmen and a detective—all of them Jews.