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MUTINY (TOPS)

(SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO) -- THE COAST GUARD SAYS IT HAS PUT A TEN-MAN PARTY ABOARD THE WEST GERMAN FREIGHTER "HELGA WITT" AND RESTRAINED FIVE MUTINOUS CREWMEN.

A COAST GUARD SPOKESMAN IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, SAID THE BOARDING PARTY ACCOMPLISHED ITS MISSION WITHOUT BLOODSHED. ALL FIVE CREWMEN HAD BEEN REPORTED ARMED.

THERE APPARENTLY WERE NO INJURIES DURING THE DAY-LONG ORDEAL ON THE GERMAN SHIP ABOUT 120 MILES SOUTHWEST OF SAN JUAN.

THE COAST GUARD CUTTER "COURAGENOUS" ARRIVED ALONGSIDE THE SHIP THIS EVENING.