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SOVIET STAND FACES TEST

Moscow May Have to Disclose Position in War—Senators See Need to Curb Voyages

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 24—All indications today were that the United States Government would request the surrender of the American steamship City of Flint, reported as taken to the Russian port of Murmansk by a German prize crew after having been seized by a Nazi warship. Such a request would test the status of Soviet neutrality.

President Roosevelt expressed the hope at his press conference that the vessel would be recovered. Meanwhile, the government sought full information from Moscow and Berlin as to the seizure of the vessel and final action was withheld pending its receipt.

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