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Sweden on One of the  
'Little Boats'  
Capry  
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I was 5 years old when we arrived in Canada. Our story was covered in the August 21, 1948 issue of the Halifax Daily Star. There were photos of the ship and the 28 refugees. I am in some of the photos. My grandmother was 66 years old and attracted considerable attention. The October 20, 1948 issue of The Halifax Mail had an article about her on page 2. We were war refugees who fled Latvia to Germany, then to Sweden and from there, via the Capry, to Canada. The Atlantic crossing was interesting and frightening. I recall a terrifying storm with the waves much higher than the ship. I thank God for Canada and the life my family has enjoyed here. It has been a terrific country to grow up in and to live. There's no place on earth I'd rather live.