



A German shipping line's map of North America

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A map of the United States of America and Canada, marking the passenger and freight shipping routes to the USA and the air and land routes across the continent. Strangely for a transit map it also marks the Native American Reservations very clearly. The map was published as a poster for Hamburg-Amerikanische Paketfahrt-Aktien-Gesellschaft (HAPAG), once the largest German shipping company, catering to German emigrants to America. Despite twice losing most of their fleet as reparations after the World Wars the company lasted until 1970, when it merged with a long-time rival to become Hapag-Lloyd. Their most famous ship was the St Louis, immortalised in the book 'Voyage of the Damned'.

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