

A Strange Robbery

- (1) Four gunmen in sunglasses and disguises waltzed into a prestigious bank in Germany, and robbed it.
- (2) The peculiar thing was that two of the men posed as women and wore everything from wigs and makeup, to women's clothing.
- (3) Fortunately, no one was injured in the robbery; although the oddly dressed robbers did about \$100,000 in damage while prying open the doors to some 200 small safety deposit boxes containing valuables of the bank's wealthy clientele.
- (4) The lobby of the bank was barely crowded when the robbers entered at about 8:30 in the morning.
- (5) They walked into the bank as two separate couples, and abruptly the men dressed as women pulled the guns out of their large purses, and the others withdrew them from their jackets.
- (6) Forcing all the bank tellers to unlock their station drawers full of cash; and were then shoved into a large vault with the manager.
- (7) The thieves then rifled through the deposit boxes at their leisure, collected all the cash, and fled with their loot some 13 minutes later.
- (8) This is the largest robbery in Germany since 1938, and the second largest in Europe.

語注

- (1) disguise 変装、扮装
- (2) pose as …を装う、見せかける
- (3) pry open こじ開ける safety-deposit box 貸金庫 clientele 顧客、常連
- (4) barely かろうじて、わずかに
- (5) abruptly 突然、出し抜けに
- (6) shove 押しやる、押し込む vault 金庫室、貴重品保管室
- (7) rifle through くまなく捜す[調べる] fled < flee: 逃げる loot 戦利品、略奪品