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J. Edward Bromberg Found Dead

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J. EDWARD BROMBERG

LONDON, Dec. 7—Scotland Yard investigated the death of American character actor J. Edward Bromberg today to determine whether an inquest will be necessary.

Mr. Bromberg, who would have been 47 on Christmas Day, was found dead yesterday in his apartment in the Chelsea section, apparently from natural causes.

The Hungarian-born actor was one of the Hollywood figures who refused on constitutional grounds to tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities last June whether he was a Communist Party member.

He was appearing here in the play "The Biggest Thief in Town," by Dalton Trumbo, one of the 10 film writers who refused to tell the House Committee whether they were Communists. Mr. Trumbo was sentenced to a year in prison for contempt.

Mr. Bromberg was born in Temes-

var, Hungary, and came to the United States as a youth. He first appeared on the stage in 1926 at the Provincetown Theater, New York, in "Princess Turandot." From 1927 to 1930, he played with Eve Le Gallienne in the New York Civic Repertory Theater.

In Hollywood, Mr. Bromberg was best known for his villain-type roles in many films, including "Seventh Heaven," "Charlie Chan on Broadway" and "Mr. Moto Takes a Chance."

BROMBERG, Edward J.
Communist

Said: 1904.