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**Le Grand Sancy Diamond.** See sancy DIAMOND. Leicester Mine. A small diamond pipe mine in the Barkly West area, Cape Province, Republic of South Africa. It is owned by Carrig Diamonds, Ltd. **Leopold Diamond.** A 10-carat brilliant. Given by King Leopold III of Belgium to his late wife, Queen Astrid, mother of present King Baudouin. Exhibited at Newark, New Jersey, Museum, 1948. Owned by an undisclosed private collector. **Lesotho.** Prior to 1966, it was known as the High Commission Territory of Basutoland. Totally surrounded by the Republic of South Africa, Lesotho consists of a central high plateau with lowlands to the west and highlands to the east with elevations up to 11,000 feet in the Drakensberg Mountains. Diamonds occur in the northern part of the country at the Letseng-la-Terai mine, and other pipes. De Beers is in the process of preparing this pipe for extensive min-

Diamond areas of Lesotho, despite a very low diamond production in terms of carats per load. The rationale is that there may be enough large stones to make the gamble worthwhile. Diamond production in 1975 was reported to be 2,000 carats industrial and 1,000 carats gem quality. **Lesotho Diamond.** The Lesotho Diamond was discovered in Lesotho, Africa, in May, 1967 by Mrs. Ernestine Ramoana at the Letseng-le-Draai diggings. The brownish-colored rough weighed 601.25 carats and was sold for \$302,400 at auction in Maseru, the capital of Lesotho, to a South African dealer. He, in turn, sold it to a European dealer. This diamond was later purchased in Geneva by Harry S. Winston of New York, who subsequently cut it into 18 stones totaling 242.50 carats, in 1969. Most diamond cutting styles