



*Plate 10. This photograph was taken in 1949 to publicize the Court of Jewels. On her forehead, the model is wearing the famous Hope blue diamond, which is the central attraction of the gem display of the Smithsonian Institution; the Earl of Dudley necklace and the Inquisition necklace are around her neck; the Indore pear shapes lie on either side of the Star of the East; the Jonker diamond is at her waist; the 337-carat Catherine the Great sapphire graces her wrist; and the Mabel Boll and McLean diamonds are on her left hand. It is thought that if these gems were put on the market today, they would bring in excess of 250 million dollars. Some of them are virtually priceless, not only because of their size and quality but also because of the lore and history associated with them. (Photograph by permission, from Harry Winston: The Ultimate Jeweler; © Harry Winston, Inc.)*