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CAMERAMAN.....Struthers..... SOUNDMAN.....  
STORY COVERED.....Potatoe Story..... LENGTH EXPOSED.....540ft  
PLACE OF EVENT.....London..... HOW SHIPPED.....  
STOCK USED.....XX..... EMULSION NUMBER..... PROD. No.....

**VERY IMPORTANT! Write Plainly—Spell Names Correctly—Use Typewriter if Possible.**

SCENE  
NUMBER

COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SCENES.

Scenes at various fruit and vegetable shops dealing with the question of potatoes. The stalls seemed to be shorter than the shops.

WHICH OTHER SOUND NEWS REELS COVERED STORY.....

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1 July 47.

INTERVIEW MRS. MANNING RE VEGETABLE RAMP.

Mid shot Mrs. M.

" I felt very unsatisfied during the past winter about the complaints I have received from many housewives, both in my constituency and other parts of the country, about the high prices that are paid for vegetables. During the past week of course another complaint has been the shortage of potatoes. [ Now to the

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ordinary British housewives, potatoes and green vegetables are staple articles of diet, <sup>something</sup> without which ~~no~~ family can live in really good health. ] [ I thought it might <sup>whether there</sup>

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be a good thing to go down to one of the big markets and find out if ~~there are~~ any troubles in the market, which made the high prices in retailers' shops. ]

So on Friday I went to Spitalfields which, as I expect you know, is one of the largest markets for selling vegetables and fruits in London.

SCU I cant say I was pleased with everything I found there. I came away very sorry for some of the small traders (cut)

So on Friday morning I went down to Spitalfields Market. I cant say I was satisfied with everything I found there. For example, [ I came away very sorry

for some of the small shopkeepers ~~people who had been going there for many years to buy their green groceries either for stalls or shops where they serve~~

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Dear  
~~you~~ Many of these people found it was quite impossible to buy potatoes <sup>although</sup> though they were <sup>sure</sup> assured that potatoes were <sup>there were</sup> in the market. Their complaint was that <sup>was</sup>

they were sold to the biggee dealers. Others said they couldn't buy potatoes unless they bought something else. Well you all know what that difficulty means

And there were small traders who said that they could not sell in their shops high-priced peas, but could <sup>not</sup> buy potatoes. ] Now I said all these things need

looking into (cut)

CU ( made 3 suggestions to the M. of Food. First, to protect the bona fide trader and indeed the small stall holders themselves. I think authorised

stall holders should wear a licence badge. Then I think that food, like potatoes, that is entirely under the M. of Food, ought to be sold by Ministry officials. And 3rdly I do feel that green vegetables ought to be controlled in price, but there is a more important thing perhaps a long-term policy. Why cant we have, as we have for food, a producer, consumer board, who could take charge of the commodity from the moment of production to the moment of consumption? In that way giving the producer a fair price, and at the same time looking after your interests, Mrs. Housewife. I think something like that may be done.

25 Goodmorning 7... I understand that you are having quite a lot of trouble getting potatoes and things from the market

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Goodmornig yes, and you can see what the position is look, I have just come from the market, I've got three bags of peas of two half bags of potatoes

Brithia you are forced to take them  
yes yes you are absolutely forced to take them, there is no question about it, because if you don't take the peas you can't have the potatoes

Secy of Brithia and Mrs  
green there were potatoes there but we couldn't have them; they wouldn't allow us to have any at all, and we want to know where they are going, somebody must be getting them, and the thing is it is my conviction that they are going into the black market

SCU. of B. & G. ... Tom of my friends and

I am going to see Mr. Strachan and ...  
get to have something done about it ...  
going to do the matter definitely ...  
and then ...  
who is ...  
let us see if this matter can be ...  
and at the same time looking after your interests, Mrs. Horowitz. I think

something like that may be done.

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*