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Poland:

Gdansk Poland's No 1 seaport comes the miniature Tyne Bank of Eastern Europe. At this port - almost obliterated by the Germans - ship building is again a major industry. A new fishing fleet of all steel boats is being built here. 9 years ago Gdansk, as the Baltic port was then called, set off the spark that led to World War II. Today Gdansk prides itself on a prime peace time achievement that has brought the harbour back into operation in record timing.

Since Poland's fishing fleet is yet a small one, the 'Yani' goes out to sea straight after launching. There is not a day to be lost if the rich haul from the spring tide is to be gained. The course is set for the deep waters of the Baltic. For the cameraman it is more than a test of seamanship, it is a test of superstition. For the Yani's crew think that he will bring them bad luck. But their fears prove unfounded as a giant catch is dragged aboard. In future say the men of the 'Yani' they'll take a cameraman along as a mascot.