

AUSTRALIASEAL ROUND-UP

There's a hustle and bustle on Seal Rocks, in Westernport Bay, Victoria, as boats draw near on a mission that means the end of freedom for six of its inhabitants. In Australia, seals are protected creatures and it is a serious offence to harm them or to take them from their natural surroundings. But the nets are out today as special permission has been granted the Melbourne Aquarium to bring six of 'em back alive.

There's number five in the bag. To transport them back to the mainland, across the Bass Strait, they are put into special boxes. One more to go - but he's gone!

But they can't all slip away - and there's the last one off on the journey back to Melbourne and captivity. But it's not really so bad once they get there. Apart from the swimming pool there's just everything a fellow could want to keep him amused. What price those crowded rocks now - these chaps are really in the swim.