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**"JONAS" the danish whale makes a success in Paris**  
**Paris, Invalides**  
**September 26th. 1953**  
**Also covered by Paramount and Universal**  
**Positive developed: 36 meters**

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"Jonas" is a 55 tons whale which was captured 18 months ago in Denmark, made a big success in Paris.

The whale which was captured in Denmark was bought by a Danish grocer who had it naturalized by tons of chemicals... Then the big problem to have him travel through Europe was transportation... This enormous mass could not go either by railroad or any ordinary trucks, a special one, was then built, and ever since Jonas has been traveling in Austria, Germany and elsewhere in Europe.

Arriving by road, Jonas was first thought lost as he was over four hours late... However, in the slack hours of the traffic in full daytime, the enormous truck arrived at the Invalides and after a hasty wash of "Jonas" it was immediately shown to an eager public. In a short time an enormous crowd had gathered around Jonas, and an estimated 50,000 people saw him yesterday afternoon... A big success!