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BRITISH FISHING FLEET STORY

Suggested Coverage.

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Shots of THE ICELANDIC TRAWLER UNLOADING
& ~~ANY~~ ANY REACTION SHOTS YOU MIGHT GET
OF HOSTILE FISHERMEN ETC.

LOWESTOFT.

Suggest you contact Jim Catchpole? of
the Herring Fishers ASSN WHO COULD HELP
you over the herring controversy. —
CLOSING DOWN OF 'CURERS' etc —
ANY SEQUENCE SHOWING SIDE & MESH OF
NETS. OR ANY OTHER PROOF NECESSARY
TO PUT OVER OUR STORY.

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ASSOCIATED BRITISH-PATHE LTD.

From Mr. Charles Martin.

To Mr. G.T. CURRIE.



Please refer to 6582x CM/TB

19th January, 19 59

"IS OUR FISHING FLEETS IN JEOPARDY?"

SUGGEST WE MAKE AN INTERPRETIVE STORY ON THE PLIGHT OF THE BRITISH FISHING FLEET.

PROBLEMS

Fishing in North Sea by Russians and Polish Trawlers, use much smaller nets for catching herrings, result we are getting much smaller catches and many Curers have been put out of business owing to the lack of trade. This is a claim made by the Fishing Fraternity at Lowestoff. There is also controversy over the 12 mile limit. Tomorrow, Tuesday, another Icelandic Trawler will be landing a very big supply of fish at Grimsby. This is causing very bad feeling with Trawler Skippers and Mates in all British Fishing ports and there has been suggestions to call a strike if this is not stopped on February 12th. On the otherhand, I understand that the Unions are against the strike, so we already have a controversial subject to discuss the argument of the Unions that the Icelandic trouble should be settled by International Arbitration.

Suggest we cover

Tomorrow, Tuesday, there is also in London the opening of an International Conference under the auspices of the Ministry of Fisheries, in which 14 countries will be represented. The main object is to discuss the best methods of fishing and the conservation of all types of fish to be found in the North North Sea fishing areas. Similar to the Whaling Agreement between the five countries, Russia, Norway, Netherlands, Japan and Great Britain, in which the agreement is already in existence for the conservation of the Blue Whale which until this agreement had come into operation stood a good chance of being completely exterminated.

Suggest we cover something on what is film our story.

I will, therefore, suggest that an interpretive story dealing with all these subjects might be an interesting one for the reel. Meanwhile I am looking out all library material available and would suggest that a cameraman should go to Grimsby to cover the arrival of the Icelandic Trawler and then come down to Lowestoff to film shots of the fishing port there and also to cover the story showing the closing down of the Curers in Lowestoff.

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