

SKIN DIVERS GET HARVEST

From the name AQUARIUS you'd guess that the boat had business with an aquarium. You'd be dead right. She's on a quest for specimen needed by the Vancouver Public Aquarium, and only a few miles away, in the Strait of Georgia, a rich harvest can be netted at the right time of the year. Of course, not everything that comes up is good enough for showing; it's the experts' job to sort the marine wheat from the chaff. To catch that fine pink starfish took more than just throwing a net over the side. It required the services of skin divers, who have to free the tentacles, which hold on to the sea bed by powerful suction. But lets wait and see if they have any luck down there.

Luck indeed; a small octopus, only 12 miles from Vancouver Harbour. It's only a baby; fully grown it will have a stretch of 8-10 feet. On board was the Curator of the Aquarium, and was he pleased:

To Stanley Park, Vancouver, a quarter-million people go to see the Aquarium every year.

The Giant Lineods; proving that looks aren't everything.

The little octopus was safely introduced to his new home, probably to be attraction number one. He's friendly, but Master Crab decided on a quick change of quarters.