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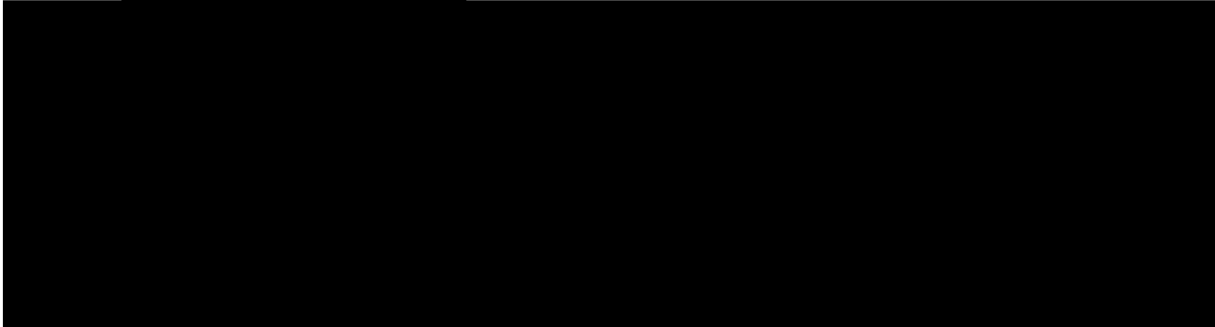
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1. In the latter part of May 1950 about 50 new fishing vessels, which had been built in Helsinki, Finland, were in Tallinn, Estonian SSR. They were to be transferred to Klaipeda, Lithuanian SSR. The delivery from Finland to Tallinn was accomplished by members of the Soviet "Ferrying Command" (in Lithuanian, "Pervezimo Komanda").
2. The ships were all 88-ton craft, propelled by either an English-built Marlin engine (220 h.p., maximum speed of 9½ m.p.h.) [sic], or another English-built engine (name unknown, 200 h.p., maximum speed of 9½ m.p.h.).
3. The new ships were transported from Tallinn to Klaipeda via the route shown on Attachment A. Three northbound Soviet freighters were encountered at point A. They were described as probably carrying coal. Twenty Latvian fishing vessels of 12-ton, 18-ton, and 88-ton types were seen at point B. At point C, a red buoy, marking the course to Lepaya, Latvian SSR, was passed and three lighthouses were seen in the direction of Lepaya.
4. The chief of the Tallinn office of the Ferrying Command was Captain (Engineer) Antonov (fnu), about 54 years of age, a Russian, formerly chief of the Estonian Trawling Fleet Administration in Klaipeda.
5. The Estonian Trawling Fleet Administration was located in Klaipeda because the best fishing area in the eastern Baltic was nearer to Klaipeda than to Tallinn and much time and money could be saved by basing the Estonian trawlers there.
6. After three Estonian fishermen escaped to Sweden in their ship in the summer of 1948, the Estonian ships were turned over to the Lithuanian Trawling Fleet Administration, Estonians lost the privilege of going to sea, and all Estonian fishermen were sent back to the Estonian SSR.
7. Just prior to the escape of the three Estonians in 1948, Antonov had been sentenced to a two-year prison term for a reason unknown to source.

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