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PLACE: BERGEN

COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: _____

Province: Hordland

Date of Observation: Mar. 13, 1951

General Description: Shipping, fishing and distributing center for large coastal area, some manufacturing, ship repairing, etc. International trade by sea.

Geographic Description: This is the coastal fringe of Hardanger plateau. Consists of low lying islands off mouth of long fjords.

Occupations:

<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Fishing</u>	<u>Industrial</u>
Important within fjords.	Important cod, herring, etc.	Fish production, flour milling, miscellaneous small.

Natural Vegetation: Much of coastal area is not wooded, but when wooded is typically coniferous to tree line.

Land Forms and Geology: Worn down, rounded, glaciated, former marine platform. Indented fjord coast.

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Norwegian. Probably considerable mixture of foreign on account of long shipping tradition. Bergen dialect different from elsewhere.

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Climate and Weather March 12, 13, 1951

Temperatures: -5° to $+5^{\circ}\text{C}$

Precipitation: Trace of snow. Mountains in background snow covered.

Clouds: Clear, some cu. str.

Other: Wind southeast. Small lake in town partially frozen.

Electric Power:

Source:

Voltage: 230 Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: Noted towers on hills east of town.

Telephone Yes Telegraph yes Radio Yes TV

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Bergen To: Oslo)

Railway:

Station: Yes

Ballast:

Power : Steam

Gauge : Standard

Bridges:

Highways: (NOTE) - Discussion on Mar. 12, in Engineering Society of new plans for tunnel to Bergen, plus electrification.

Route No's :

Surface Type:

Width :

Seasonal Use:

Underpass :

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Ferries:

Location: Across harbor.

Tonnage : Very small.

Capacity:

Schedules: Note many modern ferries to outlying suburbs for commuters.

Steamers:

Routing: Daily express route along Norwegian coast and connections with
New Castle, London, etc.

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules:

Bus Routes:

Summer:

Winter:

Other Transportation: Seaplane base in harbor.

MAPS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Hydrographic chart of south coast (See report for details)			
Street map of Bergen (See report for details)			
Automobilveier i Sør-Norge	1:1,000,000	1949	Norwegian Automobile Club

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Guide and Other Books:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Cost</u>
How to Feel at Home in Norway	Phillip Boardman	1950	Aschehoug	
Rutebok for Norge (monthly schedules of all transportation)		Mar. 1951		

PERSONAL DATA:

Arrived from New Castle via Stavanger

Date of travel to this place: Mar. 12, 1951 Arrived: _____

Starting Point: New Castle Departed: Bergen 1800 - 13 Mar. '51

Distance traveled (in kms): _____

Vehicles Used: SS Astrea - Bergen Steamship Line

Where stayed: Hotel Bristol Comments: Good

CONTACTS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>T.ph.</u>	<u>Comment</u>
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Photographs:

Purchased locally: Postcards of Bergen, especially harbor and terrain.

Taken: Of town and harbor, latter including panorama.
Light good, getting dark toward end of day.

Sketches Made:
None

Location

Description

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Power</u>
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SEAPORTS:

General Comments: Bergen is a modern harbor, well equipped for handling ocean going vessels, coastal express steamers, local vessels and fishing boats. Also a Naval yard.

Cargo Handling: See detailed map of town and Danish Red Book of European harbors.

Wharves:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Depth</u>
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Lighters:

Cranes:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Main steamer quay Tolbodk	(Large electric)	8, four on each side 2

(See photographs)

Repair Facilities

Machine Shops: Yes

Foundries: Yes

Dry docks: Yes

Salvage gear: Yes

Supplies Available

Water <u>Yes</u>	Coal <u>Yes</u>
Provisions <u>Yes</u>	Oil-Fuel <u>Yes</u>
Engineering <u>Yes</u>	Diesel Fuel <u>Yes</u>
Deck <u>Yes</u>	

Harbor Information Charts and pilot books available from: T. Beyers, Boghandel, Strandgaten 4, Bergen. Chart used for exit from harbor was #302, scale 1:1,000,000, 1932, edited to 1 June 1948. Lights shown in color. Title - Den Norske Kyst Fra Bergen til Andenes.

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