

# Two Cuban vessels get maximum fines for sea trespassing

HALIFAX (UPI) — Two of three Cuban fishing vessels were given maximum fines after representatives of three ships pleaded guilty to provincial magistrates' charges of trespassing in Canadian territorial waters.

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# Foreign fleets honoring limit

Foreign fishing fleets appear to be respecting Canada's newly-declared 200-mile offshore management zone which became law Nov. 8. Don Johnson, Atlantic region manager with the fed-

# Hard line against violators—LeBlanc

By JEFF MATTHEWS Staff Reporter

Canada will adopt a hard line against violators of the 200-mile limit. Under terms of international licensing procedures of other nations and... There will also be provision for refusal to renew a vessel's licence or withdrawal of an... Canadian courts which will levy heavy fines for viola-

# Royal Navy patrol boats go 'fishing'

LONDON — Three Royal Navy frigates, supported by Royal Air Force Nimrod patrol aircraft, are patrolling to be resolved: the sharing of quotas among European in the rich... The plane used for patrols is called, logically, the Tracker, or the CP-121 as it is known to the pilots. There are three on the fleet, and another three tracking planes, the 21-55, similar to the CP-121 they make up the squadron. These small planes fly five or six-hour patrols, up and down the coast all week, and are controlled by the Nimrod.

# First a blip on the screen, then: 'We've got a visual'

By PETER MARTIN

The little yellow blip jumped on to the plane's radar screen 10 miles southwest of Cape St. James, the most southerly point on the Queen Charlotte Islands. "I have a contact," the radar operator reported over the intercom. "I don't know what it is, but it's a ship, floating alone in the steel-grey wa-

"We've got a visual," the pilot said. "This fish is right, she should be Japanese." The crew grew. She was a fishing vessel and probably Japanese but we had to give an identification. About three miles from the ship, we heard from the 300-foot level we were being on the pilot dogged the little plane was allowing to go on. The ship's name was...

# Three vessels fined \$5,500

By DENNIS HARPER

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At the time, the Canadian territorial limit was 12 miles now is 200 miles.

"After hearing this case can use your imagination to how hard it'll be to enforce 200-mile limit," Stan Dudka, pervisor of international fisheries department, said in an interview after the trial.

"It'll be impossible to enforce the law unless the fishing nations agree to obey it."

Mr. Dudka estimated a Nov. 8 pursuit by two Canadian destroyers, two military aircraft and two fisheries vessels of the three Cuban vessels, is of which were commandeered Soviet shippers, cost Canada taxpayers \$28,000.

"American and Canadian ships and aircraft are still on there looking for a missing 60-foot tanker with millions of gallons of heavy oil on board as they can't find a trace of her," Mr. Dudka said.

"You can see the problem the 200-mile limit creates and you know the answers to questions on surveillance problems before you ask them."

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# Foreign fishing fleets respect 200-mile limit

The total allowable catch by Canadians in the zone will rise slightly, to 330,000 metric tons from 286,000 in 1967.

Britain, however, air and rolls policing the new offshore fishing limits also went into effect there in new year, caught five Communist trawlers in the first day.

They were Romanian and Bulgarian. Both nations are officially banned under the British Fishery Limits Act.

They were sighted fishing in the English Channel, but government sources in London indicated there would be no unilateral British action in the early stages of the new offshore fishing limits.

The trawlers were warned to accept the new closed fishing zone.

The British have pressed 11 minesweepers into fisheries protection duties and one new deep sea patrol vessel is already at work. Four more of these are on order. In addition, RAF long-range Nimrod maritime reconnaissance planes are checking every fishing vessel in the new 200-mile limit during daylight hours.

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# 200-mile zone patrol is a cinch — LeBlanc

By Rob Bull

to locate and identify every fishing vessel in Canada's offshore waters and keep a close eye on those areas where boundary lines cross fishing banks, LeBlanc says.

"Canadian inspectors will board at sea at least one-third of the foreign fleet and one-sixth of the Canadian fleet every month.

"There will be 43 fisheries conservation and protection vessels operating on the East Coast and 51 on the West Coast with other vessels on call from fisheries research and the departments of transport and national defence.

In comparison, when the United States extended its jurisdiction to 200 miles in March, the U.S. Coast Guard will use 19 ships, 16 helicopters and 10 aircraft for fisheries enforcement on its east coast.

Iceland policed an area of 700,000 square kilometres of ocean last year with five patrol boats, one aircraft and two helicopters. At the height of the cod war, the country leased one or two more trawlers.

Jon I. Arnalds, secretary-general of Iceland's ministry of fisheries, said in an interview here that a key aspect of his country's fisheries enforcement is in

# How can we prevent over-fishing by foreign fleets?

Canada now has the sovereign right to manage the living resources of the seas in a 200 mile zone and to set quotas for foreign fishing fleets.

