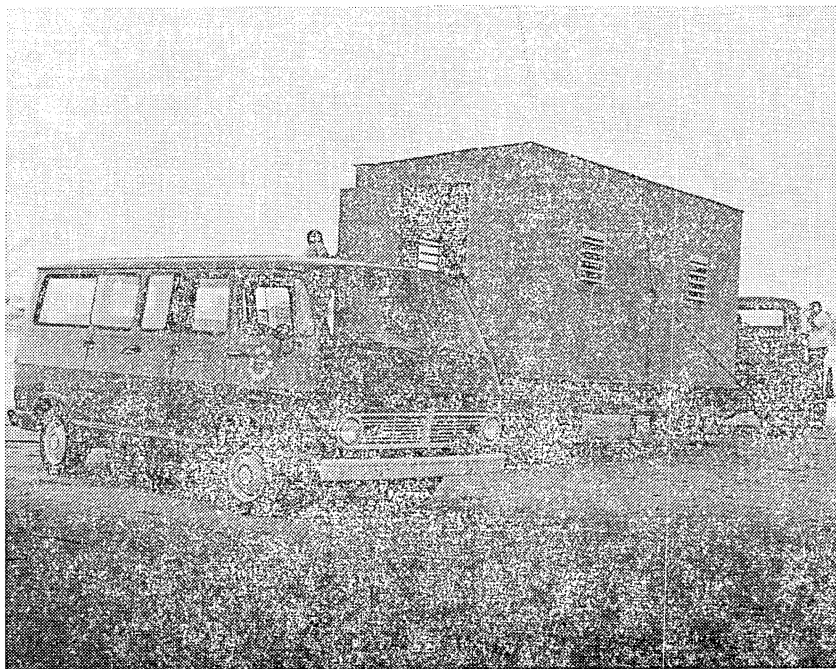




Mr. POLANCO-ABREU. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

Mr. DORN. Thank you, Commissioner, for a very excellent statement. Any questions of the committee members?

Mr. CRAMER. I have a couple.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Cramer.

Mr. CRAMER. I am very interested in this problem.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Cramer represents the Caribbean area. He is from Florida.

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Mr. CRAMER. I do not know whether the legislation before us at the present time, is the answer to the problem. Perhaps the gentleman, if he wishes, would like to comment on it.

In the first place, the remedy is against the ship. It is not much of a remedy if the ship is sunk.

Mr. POLANCO-ABREU. May I refer this question to my administrative assistant.

Mr. WATKINS. My name is Orville Watkins. I am administrative assistant to Commissioner Polanco-Abreu.

I would think the remedy would have to go beyond the ship, it would have to go to the owners of the ship who would presumably have more resources than the ship itself.

Mr. DORN. Speak up just a little bit, please.

Mr. WATKINS. Does that answer your question, sir?

Mr. CRAMER. Also, I wonder what happens in the situation where you have a ship that was sunk in World War II. Some of the oil