

JAPANESE PEARLING FLEET

As a result of negotiations between the Hon. Minister for Fisheries, Mr. L.F. Kelly, and the Hon. Minister for Primary Industry, Mr. McMahon, the Commonwealth Government has announced that Japanese Pearling fleets will not be permitted to operate in Western Australian waters in the coming season on the grounds that pearling resources must be conserved. The Commonwealth Government also warned that a strict curtailment of operations in the Northern Territory would be necessary this season.

The State and Commonwealth Governments have agreed to limit the pearling fleet operating in the proclaimed waters off the Western Australian coast to 50 vessels.

SPERM WHALING AT ALBANY

The Cheyne Beach Whaling Company resumed sperm whaling with the chaser "Cheynes" on April 10, when two whales were taken. The take up to May 6 was 21 whales.

The chaser "Kos VII" is undergoing a major overhaul.