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Gets Fined,

Sails Away

The Polish trawler Kalmar and its crew of 80 were released by the U.S. government yesterday after its owners agreed to pay a \$350,000 fine.

The 240-foot, 2400-ton vessel sailed from Pier Nine in San Francisco at 6:35 p.m. last night with a cargo of several hundred tons of hake — some of which the U.S. government said was caught illegally inside of a 12 nautical mile fishing limit.

U.S. District Judge Robert F. Peckham approved the compromise agreement in which the Kalmar's owners agreed to pay the \$350,000 in lieu of possibly having the \$4

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The Polish trawler pulled away from her berth last night and left the S.F. Bay after agreeing to pay a fine

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million ship and its cargo confiscated.

At the request of U.S. Attorney James L. Browning Jr., Judge Peckham dismissed criminal charges against the Kalmar.

In signing the agreement, the owners of the Kalmar expressly denied the ship had violated any laws of the United States.

The agreement was ap-

proved shortly before 4 p.m. yesterday. Attorneys Lester Clark and Alexander Karst, representing the Kalmar, said the trawler was expected to go back to sea to fish for about a month before returning to Poland.

"And she'll remain well outside the 12-mile limit, Karst added with a smile on his face.

The agreement was entered into between the Odra

Deep Sea Fishing Co. of Swinoujscie, Poland, the private owners of the Kalmar, and the U.S. government.

Balfour, Guthrie and Co., agents for Odra, have given a letter of guarantee that the \$350,000 will be paid by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The payment includes an estimated \$3000 to \$4000 in wharfage fees and charges by the U.S. marshal's office, which has kept men aboard

the ship.

The Kalmar was seized by a U.S. Coast Guard cutter early last Saturday morning, allegedly fishing 10.8 nautical miles off the California coast.

Under an international fishing treaty agreement, signed by both Poland and the United States, no fishing is permitted within 12 nautical miles of the other nation's coastline.