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INTERIOR TO RECEIVE TWO INTERNATIONAL MOTION PICTURE AWARDS

Presentation of awards for two Department of the Interior sound-color films which have been shown at the Edinburgh, Scotland, International Film Festival will be made at the British Embassy in Washington, D. C., on March 28, the Department announced today.

The presentation will be made by Sir Harold Caccia, British Ambassador to the United States. Acceptance will be by Secretary Stewart L. Udall, who will be accompanied by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Frank P. Briggs.

The films are The Whooping Crane, produced by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Salmon--Catch to Can, produced by the Service's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, and financed by the salmon industry.

The Whooping Crane is a documentary of America's all-but-extinct whooping crane. It was shown at the Edinburgh Festival in 1959. Presentation of the award was unavoidably delayed.

Salmon--Catch to Can is a documentary portraying the biology of salmon, methods of catching and a glimpse at its utilization. It was one of the seven U. S. Government films so honored at the Film Festival in 1960.

The awards will be diplomas of participation in acknowledgement of the fact that the pictures were selected and shown at the Edinburgh Festival. To qualify for such a showing those films had to undergo a severe screening test in this country in competition with other Government-produced films and then equally severe screenings in London and Edinburgh before final selection. The Edinburgh International Film Festival is held each September.

Other Bureau of Commercial Fisheries films honored at Edinburgh in past years were The Story of Menhaden in 1951 and Outboard Fisherman U.S.A., 1956. The Whooping Crane also won an award at the 1959 Venice, Italy, International Film Festival.

These films and others are available on a free loan basis. Write to the Office of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

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