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On May 20, Argentine and British delegates were scheduled to convene for a three-day meeting in Buenos Aires on fishing rights in the Falklands (Malvinas) archipelago, located about 800 km. east of the South American mainland, on the 52nd parallel south. The Argentine-British Commission on Fishing in the South Atlantic has the task of coordinating joint scientific studies, including a study of the activity of foreign fishing fleets in the South Atlantic led by an attempt to preserve fish stocks. The group also will examine the effectiveness of a joint decision to temporarily prohibit fishing in areas north and east of the archipelago. Britain's post-war decision to grant third countries fishing licenses in the Falklands' waters has been a source of friction between the two governments. (Basic data from AFP, 05/19/91)

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