

Harm Fishing?

"It is absolute nonsense to say the deepening will harm fishing when it has been proven conclusively that the deeper the channel the better chance for migratory fish, such as shad, to come up the Delaware. There will always be the same area along the banks for other fish."

Noting the beauty of rivers in Europe, Mayor Smith said, "Everyone of these has been maintained with a deep channel and it has enhanced rather than detracted from the natural and beautiful appearance."

Col. Watkin said the study was first requested by Easton Nov. 16, 1960 "to determine the feasibility of constructing a small navigation project on the Delaware River in the vicinity of Easton."

Study Feasibility

The study was to decide, he said, the economic and engineering feasibility of and the costs and prospective benefits for constructing and maintaining the channel through several rifts in the river under low stream flow conditions.

After a public hearing in Jan. 1966 in which the opposition to the project seemed in the majority, Col. Elmer Yates, then dis-