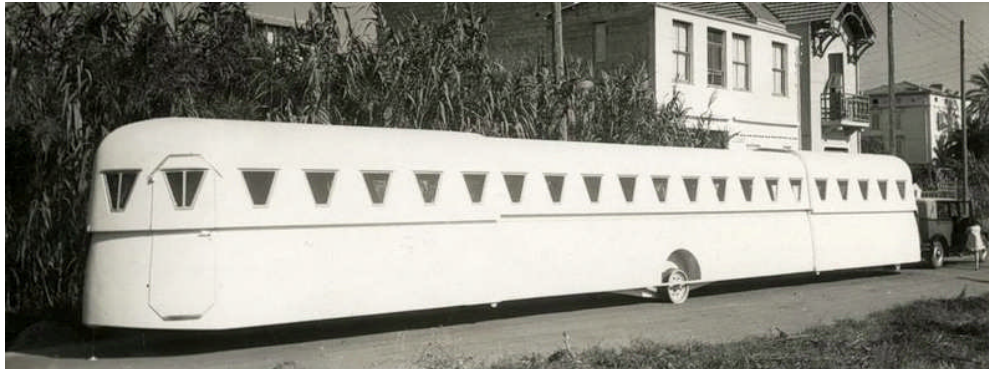


The Lamprey Liberation League



First it was the Alameda Aquarium, then Fresno's Fish Town; after that Marine World of Malibu followed immediately by the Escondido Eel Emporium – each site was burgled by a group calling itself, if the gill-shaped calling cards were to be believed, the “Lamprey Liberation League.” Each time, only the very long fishes were swiped, and authorities initially couldn't figure out how the rascals could so easily move them. That riddle was solved, however when a constable discovered an illegally parked trailer in Oxnard and smelt, as she put it, “something fishy.”