

fish For Ceylon



FROZEN fish are helping provide the answer to Ceylon's fish shortage. A cold storage and freezer plant, one of the most modern in the world, is the key to the problem. The plant is a part of a brand new fishery center—located just outside of Colombo at Mutwal—that includes a sheltered harbor for two fishing trawlers, smaller boats, a by-products factory and a machine shop.

In the past, Ceylon's home demand for fish has been greater than the supply provided by local fishermen. Although it is an island with a thousand miles of sea coast, Ceylon has been forced to import about 70 million rupees worth of fish each year.

The monsoons make fishing in Ceylon seasonal. Also, the inadequacy of cold storage facilities did not allow keeping a fish supply for the off season.

To help solve this problem, the Ceylonese Government, with about 17 1/2 million rupees worth of aid from Canada—under the terms of the Colombo Plan—put up the fishery center.—Free World.

