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## New Freezing Methods For Fishery Discussed

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP) — If successful laboratory tests work out in practice, the New England cod and haddock fishing industry may be in for an overhauling.

Officials of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service said yesterday tests conducted during the last year in Boston prove that, contrary to popular belief, fish can be frozen as they are caught, unfrozen later for filleting, refrozen, packaged and sold to consumers with "practically no loss" of quality or flavor.

They said immediate freezing of fish in the trawler would help eliminate the competitive disadvantages between New England and "foreign countries," most particularly Canada.

The best fishing grounds for cod and haddock lie almost 1,000 miles from Boston, along the famed banks of Newfoundland.

But these same grounds are only a trip of a day or two away from Canadian fishermen.

That means Canadians can fill up a boat with fish, pack them in ice and get back to shore processing stations within a week or less.

But New Englanders often have to stay out from 15 to 21 days. Sometimes they have to return with a less-than-full load, because fish packed in ice start deteriorating after a week or so.

"This means," the officials said, "that the Canadians have a better product than we do. There is bound to be some loss in quality, especially in flavor, when fish are left on ice for more than a week.

But if commercial fishers could freeze their catch as they get it they could stay out as long as necessary to fill their boats and return with a higher-quality product than fish put on ice for as little as three or four days, the Fish and Wildlife men said.

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1. Waste products could be utilized and made into by-products. Fish meal and solubles are two possibilities. Also fish oil. Today the fish are cleaned when caught and then packed in ice. They would be frozen whole.

2. Shore operations (filleting, freezing and packing) would be smoothed out because the fish, brought to shore frozen solid, could be stored and used as needed.

3. The market would be stabilized because all the fish presumably would be of the same high quality. As it is now, the bottom layers of fish packed in ice can take a beating from the weight of those on top, especially in heavy seas.

The laboratory experiments took about a year. The Fish and Wildlife Service now is ready to start commercial field tests.

It wants to outfit a trawler with frozen fish, bring the fish back for defrosting and filleting, refreeze them and test the quality of the final product.

The job would probably cost somewhere near \$250,000. Representative John Kennedy (Dem. Mass.) said he "hopes to get" the money before Congress adjourns.

### Not New Method

OTTAWA, May 11 (CP) — A Government fisheries expert said today that the United States method of freezing fish when caught is not new and will have no great impact on the Canadian fishing industry.

What would be of greater advantage, he added, would be the employment of "factory" ships, to filet the fish as they are caught, package and freeze them and then return to shore for delivery to the consumer.

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### TAKEN FOR "RIDE"

REGINA (CP) — Regina took an unsuspecting tourist for a "ride" recently. The ride was a trip to points of interest in the city and a demonstration of the hospitality the city is preparing to extend to tourists this summer. The tourist was the guest of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for a day.

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## New Technique For Growing T.B. Germs Hard On Workers

BALTIMORE, May 16 (AP) — Laboratory workers in the United States are "coming down right and left with tuberculosis" from working with a new and faster technique for growing TB germs — but the public health service is taking steps to cope with the problem.

This was related today by Dr. A. G. Wedum of Camp Detrick, Maryland, the United States' centre of research on defensive and offensive measures in the event of biological warfare.

Dr. Wedum, in an interview at the golden jubilee meeting of the Society of American Bacteriologists, mentioned the TB germ hazard as the type of thing which might be minimized if laboratories everywhere adopted the kind of safety procedures developed at Detrick.

Wedum added that the recent establishment of a national science foundation to support basic research would conceivably bring needed financial support to those medical schools and other institutions unable to provide adequate safety devices for work with dangerous "bugs."

The scientist described a number of protective devices developed or improved at Camp Detrick. These include special cabinets, head hoods, syringes and flasks—all designed to allow workers to experiment easily with dangerous germs, with a minimum of exposure to themselves.

### TAKE NOTE

REGINA (CP) — A Manitoba visitor to the legislative buildings had some advice for the people of Saskatchewan recently. After signing his name in the guest book he added in brackets: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

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