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Occidental African waters along the coast are famous for the amount of fish than can be found, and more particularly along the Senegal coastline, near the Green Cape. Traditionally the local fisherman have fished with rather primitive techniques and limited means, getting however surprisingly good results. Their catches were usually sold locally to the population, except during the war when canned fish plants were created around the port of Dakar. However since then, the local fishermen's catches were not sufficient to keep these plants in operation, and last winter some fisherman came from as far as Saint Jean de Luz and Brittany for the fishing season.

Although with limited equipment their catches reached a tremendous amount, and the French Authorities decided launching a larger scale campaign and to insure the good operation of this new industry have built large freezing installations in the port of Dakar, as well as canneries employing local workers.

Results are already promising as last season's production reached 1200 tons in a four month fishing campaign with only ten ships, whereas along the French coasts where fishing boats are twenty times more, this same results was hardly reached during the 1955 campaign, which lasts six months.

Next winter many more fishing boats equipped along the American Tuna clippers, will be operating along the Senegal coasts and their catches will be delivered directly in Dakar new freezing installations for treatment, either in local canneries, or in the Metropolis after freezing in Dakar.

The choice of the canneries' grounds was conditioned by large supplies of water, and also possibilities for the larger "Tuna clippers" to dock directly at the freezing plants. Dakar and the Green Cape were the best grounds for such modern plants, and in three years Dakar, with new modern installations will operate as a large fishing port, enjoying facilities of a new industry with expert possibilities which will help a better balance of commerce in French Occidental Africa.