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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Programme of Studies in the Office
of the Executive Secretary

Attached herewith is the programme of the studies which will be followed by the Fellows in the Office of the Executive Secretary.

* English only/anglais seulement.

Lectures given by Mr. Jean Royer, Former Deputy Executive Secretary

- Tuesday 4 February The rôle of foreign trade and commercial policy in the general economic policy and in particular its rôle in relation to economic development and growth.
- Wednesday 5 February The various types of commercial policies (the autonomous, bilateral and multilateral approaches); the advantages and disadvantages of these various methods; the basic achievements of the multilateral approach as exemplified by GATT.
- Thursday 6 February The objectives of commercial policy: on the import side (fiscal considerations, protection of individual industries, protection of the balance of payments); on the export side (fiscal considerations, supply of essential raw materials to consuming industries, direction of exports, maximization of export earnings).
- Friday 7 February The basic requirement of equality of treatment in any multilateral commercial policy system; the most-favoured-nation treatment and the exceptions to that rule (customs unions, preferences, anti-dumping measures etc.).
- Monday 10 February The tariff as the normal means of protection; the transitional tariff problems in under-developed countries (conflict between fiscal and protective considerations and substitution of internal taxation for revenue duties).
- Tuesday 11 February The procedures for tariff negotiations (the purpose and content of reductions and bindings, the traditional negotiating procedures, the original GATT procedures and the improvements introduced at the last tariff conference).
- Wednesday 12 February The rôle of quantitative restrictions in commercial policy; the advantages and disadvantages of that method, the justification for the prohibition of those restrictions in the GATT and of the exceptions provided therein.

Lectures given by Mr. F.A. Haight, Chief, Conference Secretariat
and Liaison Division

Thursday 13 February
and

International Trade Organization (Havana Charter);
Interim Commission for the ITO; Organization for
Trade Cooperation.

Friday 14 February

Accession to the GATT; Admission of newly-
independent States; Protocol of Provisional
Application; definitive application. The GATT as
an "organization": the CONTRACTING PARTIES; the
Council of Representatives; committees, working
parties, etc.

The text of the GATT: amendments; exceptions;
waivers. Consultations and settlement of differences;
consultations among members and with the CONTRACTING
PARTIES; complaints of nullification or impairment.

Monday 17 February

The rôle of quantitative restrictions to meet balance-
of-payments difficulties, particularly in the case of
countries going through a process of economic develop-
ment. The alternative methods for adjusting the
demand for imports to the available exchange resources,
measures of internal policy, adjustment of exchange
rates, exchange restrictions and multiple rates,
temporary taxes etc.

Tuesday 18 February

The problem of agricultural protection.

Wednesday 19 February

The problem of discrimination in the administration
of restrictions (monetary and commercial consid-
erations). The case for or against bilateral trading
arrangements (including resort to barter operations
and trading with planned economies).

Thursday 20 February

The problem of regional arrangements (the rules for
the formation of customs unions, free-trade areas,
common markets and preferential arrangements).

Friday 21 February

The avoidance of unfair competition in international
trade (provisions relating to subsidies and other
export incentives).

Monday 24 February Opening of twenty-first session.

Tuesday 25 February Meetings of twenty-first session.

Wednesday 26 February The functions of the GATT in the settlement of disputes, the functions and procedure of the Panel of Conciliation.

Thursday 27 February The problem of commodities; the action of the various international bodies dealing with the problem; UN, FAO, ICCICA, study groups, the draft SACA, commodity agreements now operating; the consideration of other problems affecting trade (such as restrictive business practices).

Friday 28 February, The relations of the GATT with other inter-governmental agencies dealing with economic problems
Monday 2 March (1. the United Nations and its regional commissions; 2. United Nations specialized agencies; IMF, FAO, ILO; 3. other inter-governmental bodies: OECD, European Coal and Steel Community, Council of Europe, Customs Co-operation Council; 4. non-governmental bodies).

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Tuesday 3 March