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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Programme of Studies in the Office
of the Executive Secretary

Revision

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 International Trade Organization (Havana Charter);
Interim Commission for the ITO; Organization for
and 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; consul-
tations among members and with the CONTRACTING PARTIES;
complaints of nullification or impairment.

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- 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 considerations).
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 Fellows will attend opening of twenty-first session.
Tuesday 25 February Fellows will attend meetings of twenty-first session.

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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 (1. the United
Nations and its regional commissions; 2. United Nations
Monday 2 March specialized agencies; IMF, FAO, ILO; 3. other inter-
governmental bodies: OECD, European Coal and Steel
and Community, Council of Europe, Customs Co-operation
Tuesday 3 March Council; 4. non-governmental bodies).