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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. The lectures are given by the Deputy Executive Secretary unless otherwise indicated.

- Wednesday 22 March
and
Thursday 23 March Attendance of the current meeting of Committee III on Expansion of Trade, and briefing by Mr. F. Gundelach, Assistant Executive Secretary.
- Friday 24 March 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.
- Monday 27 March 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.
- Tuesday 28 March 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).
- Wednesday 29 March 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.).
- Thursday 30 March The problem of regional arrangements (the rules for the formation of customs unions, free-trade areas, common markets and preferential arrangements).
- Tuesday 3 April to
Friday 7 April
(Mr. F.A. Haight,
Special Assistant
to the Executive
Secretary)
- The relations of the GATT with other intergovernmental agencies dealing with economic problems (1. the United Nations and its regional commissions; 2. United Nations Specialized Agencies: IMF, FAO, ILO; 3. other inter-governmental bodies: OMEC, European Coal and Steel Community, Council of Europe, Customs Co-operation Council; 4. non-governmental bodies).
- International Trade Organization (Havana Charter);
Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization;
Organization for Trade Cooperation.
- Protocol of Provisional Application; definitive application (Art. LXVI; Annex H); CONTRACTING PARTIES (Art. XXIII); withdrawal (Art. XLII); territorial application (Art. XXIV 1 & 2); admission of territories which acquire autonomy (Art. LXVI:5(c)); accession (Art. XXVIII); non-application in particular cases (Art. XLIV); exceptions (Art. XX and XXI); observance

by regional and local governments (Art. XXIV:12); interpretative notes (Annex H and Art. XXIV); amendments (Art. XX). CONTRACTING PARTIES (Art. XXV:1); inter-sessional procedures; waiving of obligations (Art. XXV:5); questions of interpretation.

- Monday 10 April 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 April 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 April 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.
- Thursday 13 April The rôle of quantitative restrictions to meet balance-of-payments difficulties, particularly in the case of countries going through a process of economic development. 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. The problem of agricultural protection.
- Friday 14 April 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).
- Monday 17 April The avoidance of unfair competition in international trade (provisions relating to subsidies and other export incentives).
- Tuesday 18 April The functions of the GATT in the settlement of disputes, the functions and procedure of the Panel on Conciliation; the other legal responsibilities of the GATT secretariat.
- Wednesday 19 April 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).