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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Curriculum of Studies for the Period 20 April to 16 June 1961

From 20 April to 16 June 1961 the fellows will be regarded as temporary staff members of the Trade Policy Division.

During the period 20 April to 5 May and 22 May to 16 June the officers of the Trade Policy Division will introduce the discussion on the subjects outlined below. Unless the fellows are notified to the contrary, these introductions will be given in the morning at 10.15 a.m. and will be followed by discussions in the afternoon at 4.15 p.m.

The present document comprises an explanatory note on abbreviations used to indicate reference material, a time-table for the lectures to be given and a list of the subjects to be covered.

In the period 8 to 19 May the fellows will participate in the work of the Council and of the eighteenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. Each morning, at 9 o'clock, the fellows will report to Mr. Etienne, Director of the Trade Policy Division, for briefing on the work to be undertaken that day by the CONTRACTING PARTIES and/or the Committees and Working Parties.

NOTE: The fellows will return to the Trade Policy Division to participate in the practical work of the Division and to prepare papers on problems which they will have chosen for individual study from 11 July to the end of August.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. The printed volumes of GATT documents, entitled Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, are referred to in abbreviated form as follows:

"I"	indicates	Volume I (the old text of the Agreement, procedures, etc.);
"I(Rev.1)"	"	Volume I (Revised) (the revised text of the Agreement and the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Co-operation);
"II"	"	Volume II (decisions, reports, etc. up to the end of 1951);
"III"	"	Volume III (the text of the Agreement as it is applied at present)
"IS"	"	First Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of 1952);
"2S"	"	Second Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of 1953);
"3S"	"	Third Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. from 1954 to March 1955);
"4S"	"	Fourth Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. from April - December 1955);
"5S"	"	Fifth Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of 1956);
"6S"	"	Sixth Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of 1957);
"7S"	"	Seventh Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of the thirteenth session, intersessional procedure, 1958);
"8S"	"	Eighth Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of the fourteenth and fifteenth sessions, 1959);
"9S"	"	Ninth Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions, 1960).

2. The numerals following the abbreviations indicate the page numbers in the volumes referred to.

3. The numerals and letters following the number of a GATT Article refer to the paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of the Article.

4. "L", "TN", "MGT", "Spec" refer to GATT documents.

5. "SR" refers to summary records of discussions during sessions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

TIME-TABLE OF LECTURES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Officer</u>
20-21 April	Introduction to the lectures and survey of the work of the Trade Policy Division as a whole	Mr. F. Gundelach, Assistant Executive Secretary and/or Mr. J. Etienne, Director of Division
24 April to 3 May	Import duties Most-favoured-nation treatment Customs unions and free-trade areas Anti-dumping and countervailing duties Valuation for customs purposes Provisions concerning the application of import taxes State trading Marks of Origin Special problems such as certificates of origin, consular formalities, etc.	Mr. F. Liebich
4-5 May	1960-61 Tariff Conference	Mr. G. Maggio
Council and Eighteenth Session		
22-26 May	Schedules Modification of concessions	Mr. G. Maggio
28 May to 9 June	Structure of GATT provisions regarding quantitative restrictions Balance-of-payments restrictions Discriminatory application of restrictions Exchange matters and the International Monetary Fund Restrictions for the development of industries Special exception in Article XI and various special problems Problems of market disruption	Mr. C. Shih
12-16 June	Programme for expansion of trade - agricultural protection (Committee II) and other barriers to trade (Committee III) Subsidies Liquidation of stocks and disposal of surpluses	Mr. F. Petrie

A N N E X I

Import duties

1. Explanation of the functioning of duties as an instrument of trade policy, specific, ad valorem and mixed duties including sliding-scale duties
2. Tariff quotas (Article XIII:5)
3. Efforts for achieving uniform customs nomenclatures (SITC/Brussels)
4. Export duties

Most-favoured-nation treatment

1. Most-favoured-nation clause (Art.I:1)
 - (a) Rulings
 - (i) "Charges of any kind" (II,12)
 - (ii) Rebates of internal taxes (II,12 and Art.I(Rev.))
 - (b) Complaints
 - (i) Norwegian sardines (IS, 30 and 53)
 - (ii) Belgian family allowances (IS, 59)
2. Preferential systems (Art.I:2 and Annexes A-F)
3. Preferential margins (Art.I:4, Annex G and II:11)
4. Frontier traffic (Art.XXIV:3)
5. Waivers
 - (a) United States trust territory (II, 9 and 173)
 - (b) Italy/Libya (IS,14; 4S, 16 & 99; 7S, 348, 118)
 - (c) Australia/Papua-New Guinea (2S, 18 & 93; 4S, 14 & 82; 5S, 34 & 114; 8S, 28; 9S, 28)
 - (d) United Kingdom/Commonwealth duty-free items (2S, 20 & 96; 3S, 25 & 139)
 - (e) United Kingdom/overseas territories (3S, 21 & 131)
 - (f) ECSC (IS, 17 & 85; 6S, 139; 7S, 122)
 - (g) Saar (6S, 30)

Customs unions and free-trade areas

1. Article XXIV
 - (a) Purposes and definitions (paras. 4 & 8)
 - (b) Authorization (para. 5)
 - (c) Procedures (paras. 6, 7 & 9)
 - (d) Special cases (para. 10)
2. Nicaragua/El Salvadore Free-Trade Area (II, 30)
3. Central American Free-Trade Area (5S, 29)
4. South Africa/Southern Rhodesia C.U. (II, 29 & 176; 3S, 47)
5. Rhodesia and Nyasaland Federation (3S, 29; 4S, 17 & 72; 5S, 39)
6. France/Tunisia C.U.
7. European Economic Community (6S, 68; 7S, 69)
8. EFTA (L/1151; L/1167; L/1235; 9S, 20 & 70)
9. LAFTA (L/1157; L/1177 and Add.1-2; L/1201; 9S, 21 & 87)

Anti-dumping and countervailing duties

1. Article VI
 - (a) Definition of dumping (para. 1)
 - (b) Levy of anti-dumping duties (para. 2)
 - (c) Definition and levy of countervailing duties (para. 3)
 - (d) Rules for the levy of duties (paras. 4-6)
 - (e) Application of duties in the interest of third countries (para. 6)
2. Reports of a Group of Experts (special GATT publication, 1961)
3. Complaint: Swedish duties on nylons (3S, 81)
4. Study of national legislation (GATT publication 1958-2)

Valuation for customs purposes

1. Article VII
 - (a) "Actual value" (para. 2)
 - (b) Rules (paras. 3-5)
2. Bound items (Art.II:3)
3. Study of national legislation (1S, 102; 2S, 52 and 3S, 103-125)
4. The Brussels "Valuation Convention"

Provisions concerning the application of import taxes

- (a) Interdiction to grant protection by other charges than duties (Article VIII:1a)
- (b) Permission to levy fees commensurate to the costs of services rendered (Article VIII:1a)
- (c) Rules concerning the levy of import charges on imported products (Article III:1-6)

State trading

1. Article XVII
 - (a) Non-discrimination (para. 1)
 - (b) Governmental purchases (para. 2)
 - (c) Notifications (para. 4(a); 6S, 23)
2. Notification of existing State-trading enterprises (L/1014 & Add.)
3. Monopolies for bound items (Art.II:4 and II:4(Rev.))
4. Report by Group of Experts (L/1146)

Efforts at removing barriers to trade

1. Article VIII (paras. 1b, 1c, 2, 3 and 4)
2. Decision by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT
 - (a) Recommendation on certificates of origin (doc. Spec(59)52)
 - (b) Standard practices for documentary requirements
 - (c) Recommendation on the abolition of consular formalities
3. Actions of GATT which led to Agreements independent of GATT
 - (a) Samples Convention (GATT publication November 1952)
Solution of difficulties in the interpretation of provisions of this Convention (L/455 of 21 November 1955)
 - (b) Agreement on the importation of educational, scientific and cultural material
4. Conventions on temporary importation (9S, 201-229)

Marks of origin

1. Article IX
2. Recommendation on marks of origin (Special GATT publication)
3. Notification of existing provisions (L/478 and Addenda)

Subjects of lectures to be given by G. Maggio

Schedules

1. Negotiation of concessions (I,104-119; Article XXIX bis.; 3S 2B; 4S,74; TN.56/1 and 2)
2. Schedules, an integral part of Part I of the Agreement (Article II:7) - German starch duties (3S,77)
3. Tariff negotiations to be held in 1960-1961 - Committee I on Expansion of Trade (8S,101 and 103; TN.60/1 and 3)
4. (a) "Treatment no less favourable" (Article II:1(a))
Greek coefficients (1S,23 and 51)
(b) No "duties in excess" (Article II:1(b))
(c) No "other duties or charges in excess" (Article II:1(b) and (c))
 - (i) French compensation tax (3S,26; 5S,27)
 - (ii) Chilean automobile tax
 - (iii) Amendment of Article II:1(b) and (c)
 - (iv) Peruvian import charges (7S,37; 8S,56)
 - (v) Chilean import charges (8S,29)

Modification of concessions

1. Withdrawals (Article XXVII)
2. Renegotiations (Article XXVIII)
 - (a) Declaration on continued application (9S,29)
 - (b) "Sympathetic consideration" (2S,62, paras. 3-5)
 - (c) Italian cheese duties
 - (d) Greek gramophone duties
 - (e) Brazil, new customs tariff (5S,122; 9S,36)
3. Renegotiation for economic development (Article XVIII:A)
4. Emergency action (Article XIX)

Action by the United States

- (i) Fur felt hats (special report, 1951)
- (ii) Hatters' fur (L/851 and Add.1)
- (iii) Figs (1S,25; 2S,26)
- (iv) Bicycles (L/433)
- (v) Groundfish fillets (L/577 and Add.1)
- (vi) Linen towelling (L/573 and Add.1)
- (vii) Spring clothespins (L/757 and Add.1; L/758)
- (viii) Safety pins (L/624 and Add.1 and 2)
- (ix) Clinical thermometers (L/803 and Add.1 and 2)
- (x) Stainless steel table flatware (L/1076 and Add.1)

Action by Greece - Electric refrigerators (L/541)

Action by Austria - Procelain (L/363 and Add.1)

Action by Canada - Strawberries (L/642)

5. Rectification and Modification of Schedules (8S,25; L/1169)

Subjects of lectures to be given by C. Shih

Structure of GATT provisions regarding quantitative restrictions

- (a) Provisions of Article XI:1; nature and purpose
- (b) Exceptions to the general rule; special exceptions relating to agricultural and fisheries products; balance-of-payments restrictions; economic development; other exceptions; "waivers"

References: 3S,189-191

Balance-of-payments restrictions

- (a) Justification and criteria for the application of restrictions (Article XII:1 and 2; Article XVIII:8 and 9)
- (b) Other qualifications and conditions (Article XII:3; Article XVIII:10 and 11)
- (c) Consultations on restrictions (Article XII:4 and 5; Article XVIII:12)
- (d) The special provision for "under-developed" countries (relationship between Articles XVIII:B and XII)
- (e) Evolution of balance-of-payments restrictions in recent years

References: General: 3S,170-179; 1958 Review of Restrictions MGT(59)76
Re (c): 7S,90-98; 8S,73-76; 9S,68-70; L/1394
Re (e): GATT annual reports on international trade, successive issues, section on quantitative restrictions

Discriminatory application of restrictions

- (a) The rule of non-discrimination (Article XIII:1)
- (b) Methods and criteria for applying non-discrimination (Article XIII:2-5)
- (c) Permitted deviation from the rule (Article XIV:1-5)
- (d) Reports and consultations under Article XIV:1(g)
- (e) Revision of Article XIV and the entry into force
- (f) The restoration of convertibility in 1959 and its implications under the GATT provisions
- (g) The question of bilateral agreements

References: Re (d): See recent annual reports on discriminatory restrictions in the successive Supplements in BISD; 9S,63-68
Re (e): 3S,176-177; L/1421 and Add.1

Exchange matters and the International Monetary Fund

1. Quantitative restrictions and exchange restrictions, multiple exchange rates, etc.
2. Co-operation with the IMF:
 - (a) The nature and purposes of the IMF
 - (b) The provisions concerning co-operation (Article XV:1 and 2)
 - (c) Arrangements and past action relating to the IMF
 - (d) Non-frustration clause and related provisions (Article XV:4, 5 and 9)
3. Special exchange agreements (Article XV:6-8) - purpose and essential provisions; waivers granted to Czechoslovakia and New Zealand
4. Decision of the IMF concerning bilateralism, non-discrimination and termination of transitional period arrangements; their implications for contracting parties to GATT

References: Re 2(c): I,120-123; 3S,195-205
Re 3: II,115-123
Re 4: 8S,72-73; texts of other decisions will be supplied

Restrictions on imports for development of industries

1. Revision of Article XVIII in 1955, and structure of the new Article XVIII
2. Provisions concerning the development of particular industries by under-developed countries (Section C of Article XVIII)
3. For other countries in the process of development (Section D)
4. Releases granted in the past and annual review

References: General: 3S,179-189
Re 4: 6S,112-131 and 14; 7S,25-27, 71-75, 75-83, 85-88;
8S,21-22, 90-97, 97-98; 9S,95-101

Special exceptions in Article XI and special problems

- (a) Provisions of Article XI:2
- (b) The "hard core" waiver; residual restrictions; consultations on restrictions under Article XXII; discussions at the seventeenth session
- (c) Waivers:
 - (i) United States Agricultural Adjustment Act
 - (ii) Luxemburg agricultural products
 - (iii) Belgian restrictions
 - (iv) German import restrictions
- (d) Quantitative restrictions aspect of the problem of "Market Disruption"

References: Re (a): 3S,189-191
Re (b): 3S,38-41, 191-195; W.17/44; 9S,35
Re (c)(i): 3S,32-38, 141-146; 4S,96-99; 5S,136-142;
6S,152-157; 7S,124-128; 8S,173-177; 9S,259

Re (c)(ii): 4S,27-29, 110-113; 9S,255
Re (c)(iii): 4S,22-26, 102-110; 5S,115-119; 6S,135-139;
7S,118-122; 9S,243
Re (c)(iv): 6S,55-68; 7S,99-107; 8S,31-50, 160-163; L/1380
Re (d): 9S,106

Note: Regarding the annual consultations under "waivers", reference should also be made to the reports or statements supplied by the governments concerned which are referred to in the Working Party reports indicated above.

Problems of market disruption (MGT(60)32 and 37; L/1164 and Add.1 and 2; 9S,106)

Subjects of lectures to be given by F. Petric

Programme for Expansion of Trade

Committee I (Tariffs) dealt with under "Schedules - Tariff Negotiations 1960-1961" by G. Maggio.

Committee II (Agricultural protection) (7S,27; 8S,121; 9S,110-118; L/1207; 9S,118-120)

Committee III (Other barriers to trade) (7S,27; 8S,132,135 and 23; 9S,120-144, and 144-169)

Subsidies

1. Article XVI

- (a) Notifications (II,19; L/880; SR.13/11; L/970; L/1160; L/1328)
- (b) Complaints

United States - oranges
Australia - nitrates (II,188 and 195; 7S,68)
United Kingdom - eggs
United States - poultry
France - wheat and wheatflour (7S,22 and 46)

(c) Article XVI

- Declaration Giving Effect to Article XVI (9S,32)
- Declaration Extending Standstill Provisions (9S,33)
- Review (9S,188)

Liquidation of stocks and disposal of surpluses

- 1. Resolution on liquidation (3S,51 and 230)
- 2. Resolution on disposals (3S,50 and 229)