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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Fourteenth Training Course

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.

Lectures given by Mr. F.A. Haight (Special Assistant)

- Wednesday 19 September International Trade Organization (Havana Charter); Interim Commission for the ITO; Organization for Trade Cooperation.
- Thursday 20 September 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.
- Friday 21 September 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.

Lectures given by Mr. Jean Royer

- Monday 24 September 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.
- Tuesday 25 September 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.
- Wednesday 26 September 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).
- Thursday 27 September 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.).
- Friday 28 September 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).

Monday 1 October

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).

Tuesday 2 October

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.

Wednesday 3 October

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.

Thursday 4 October

The problem of agricultural protection.

Friday 5 October

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 8 October

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

Tuesday 9 October

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

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

Friday 12 October

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).

Monday 15 October
and

Tuesday 16 October

The relations of the CATT with other international 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: OECD, European Coal and Steel Community, Council of Europe, Customs Co-operation Council; 4. non-governmental bodies).