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GROWING SCOPE OF TORQUAY NEGOTIATIONS

The Chairman of the Contracting Parties, L. Dana Wilgress, has stated that on the basis of information already received by the Secretariat the third round of tariff negotiations, to open at Torquay, England, on 28 September 1950, will be on a very large scale.

300 pairs of negotiations - that is, separate bilateral negotiations between two countries - have already been listed, he said. This is only a partial, preliminary figure, he added, since only 17 out of about 40 possible participating countries have so far submitted the lists of countries with which they intend to negotiate.

By way of comparison, 123 pairs of negotiations were completed at Geneva in 1947, and 147 at Annecy in 1949.

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