GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

FIRST SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The following communication from Dr. Z. Augenthaler, Leader of the Czechoslovak delegation, has been received by Mr. L. D. Wilgress, Chairman, First Session of the Contracting Parties of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

March 16, 1948

"Mr. Chairman:

I am taking great pleasure in passing on to you the following information:

"I have received news today from my Government in Prague that it approved in its Session on March 12th, 1948 the "General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" and the President of the Czechoslovak Republic thus appointed and empowered the Czechoslovak Consul General in New York to sign the "Protocol of Provisional Application" on Saturday, March 20th, 1948.

"I have also been informed that provisional application of the General Agreement Tariffs and Trade will be effective on Czechoslovak Territory as from April 20th, 1948 on which date all Tariff Concessions granted by Czechoslovakia in Geneva will be applicable to the trade of the Contracting Parties.

"I should be very grateful if you could inform all signatories of the Final Act of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

"I am, Mr. Chairman,

"Your obedient servant,
(Z. Augenthaler)
Dr. Z. Augenthaler,
Leader of the Czechoslovak Delegation.

The Hon. L. D. Wilgress,
Leader of the Canadian Delegation,
Chairman of the First Session of the Contracting Parties of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade."