GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Panel of Experts to Study Trade Problems

Addition of Professor James Meade

The Panel of Experts recently appointed to report on certain trade problems to the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (see Press Release GATT/387 of 24 February 1958) has been increased from three to four members. The new member is Mr. James Meade, Professor of Political Economy, University of Cambridge.

The other three members are: Mr. Gottfried Haberler of the United States (Chairman), Mr. Roberto de Oliveira Campos of Brazil, and Mr. Jan Tinbergen of the Netherlands. The Panel, which held a preliminary meeting from 24 – 28 February, will meet again at Geneva on 7 July.

Its report will cover among other things the development of the export earnings of the primary producing or non-industrial countries in relation to their economic growth, the effects of wide fluctuations in prices of primary products and in export proceeds, and the effects of agricultural protection on the development of international trade.

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Professor Meade was, from 1947 until he took up his appointment in 1957 at Cambridge, Professor of Commerce with special reference to International Trade, at the University of London; in 1956 he was visiting Professor of Economics and Finance at the Australian National University. From 1938 to 1940 Professor Meade was a member of the Financial Section and the Economic Intelligence Service of the League of Nations and Editor of the League's World Economic Surveys during those years. He was a member of the Economic Section of the British Cabinet Office during the war and Director of that section in 1946-1947. As a member of the United Kingdom delegations to the Trade and Employment Conferences in 1947 and 1948 he participated actively in the various trade and tariff negotiations at that time and in the drawing up of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and of the Charter for an International Trade Organization.

His many publications include: