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FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Programme of Studies in the Office
of the Executive Secretary

Revision

Attached herewith is the programme of the studies which will be followed by the Fellows in the Office of the Executive Secretary.

*English only/anglais seulement.
Lectures given by Mr. Jean Royer, Former Deputy Executive-Secretary

Tuesday 4 February  The rôles of foreign trade and commercial policy in the
general economic policy and in particular its rôle in
relation to economic development and growth.

Wednesday 5 February  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.

Thursday 6 February  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).

Friday 7 February  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.).

Monday 10 February  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).

Tuesday 11 February  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).

Wednesday 12 February  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.
Lectures given by Mr. F.A. Haight, Chief, Conference Secretariat and Liaison Division

Thursday 13 February and Friday 14 February

International Trade Organization (Havana Charter); Interim Commission for the ITO; Organization for Trade Cooperation.

Friday 14 February

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.

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 17 February

The role 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.

Tuesday 18 February

The problem of agricultural protection.

Wednesday 19 February

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).

Thursday 20 February

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

Friday 21 February

The avoidance of unfair competition in international trade (provisions relating to subsidies and other export incentives).
**Monday 24 February**  Fellows will attend opening of twenty-first session.

**Tuesday 25 February**  Fellows will attend meetings of twenty-first session.

**Lectures given by Mr. Jean Royer**

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<td>Thursday 27 February</td>
<td>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).</td>
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<td>Friday 28 February, Monday 2 March</td>
<td>The relations of the GATT with other inter-governmental 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).</td>
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