United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold announced the appointment of two members of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements. This Committee was established by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 1947, and has since kept the situation of primary commodities under constant review and facilitated inter-governmental consultation and action to deal with commodity problems.

Romeo E. Short, Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and Director of the Foreign Agricultural Service, was appointed, on the nomination of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as the member concerned in particular with agricultural primary commodities.

In addition, Walter Muller of Chile was appointed to the Committee following a resolution of the Economic and Social Council authorizing the appointment of a "person of wide experience in problems confronting countries undergoing development, whose economies are primarily dependent on the production and international marketing of primary commodities".

Mr. Muller has participated in many international meetings dealing with international trade. He was the leader of the Chilean Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment held in Havana in 1947-48 and to the meeting of the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade held at Annecy, France, in 1949. He has also represented his government in international commodity discussions. Mr. Muller was at one time adviser to the Central Bank of Chile and is now Chairman of the Industrial
Development Committee and a member of the Board of an Institution for the
development of several important industries of Chile.

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The Committee consists of one member nominated by the Contracting Parties
to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade; one nominated by the Food and
Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and concerned especially with
agricultural primary commodities; one appointed by the UN Secretary-General,
concerned in particular with non-agricultural primary commodities; and a
fourth member as authorized by the Economic and Social Council in the above-
mentioned resolution adopted at its recent session in Geneva.

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