

GATT Office Circular No. 56

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To: All Staff Members

From: The Executive Secretary

Subject: Fellowship Programme - July/December 1959

1. The following officials have received fellowships from the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration to follow a training course at the GATT secretariat from July to December 1959.

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| Mr. BESANA (Philippines)             | Mr. NIVATVONGS (Thailand) |
| Mr. CUMMING (Rhodesia and Nyasaland) | Mr. PARASKEVAS (Greece)   |
| Mr. HUQ (Pakistan)                   | Mr. SUZMEN (Turkey)       |
| Miss LAVIN LOMBERA (Cuba)            |                           |

2. The purpose of the fellowship scheme and the general programme of work are set out in L/424. The administrative arrangements are set out in Annex II. As the participants in the scheme have or may have in the future responsibilities in the framing of the commercial or tariff policies of their governments, the training course will not be limited to the operation of GATT but will cover also the general problems which have to be taken into account in the formation of an efficient commercial policy, especially in under-developed countries. On the other hand, the course will remain practical in its methods and stress will be laid on the necessity for individual and independent work by the participants. A list of reference books will be handed to the participants on their arrival. That list indicates the books which are available at the GATT Library or at the UN Library, or those which have to be purchased by the participant. As indicated in L/424, the UN Technical Assistance Administration contributes to the purchase of such books.

3. The UN Technical Assistance Administration official responsible for the arrangements connected with the fellowships is Mr. Howard Daniel, telephone 3184, Room A.505 in the Palais des Nations.

4. The participants will spend the period 6 to 31 July in the Office of the Executive Secretary. The programme of work for that period is annexed.

5. The Fellowship Programme will be supervised by the Deputy Executive Secretary. Mme Feinsilber, telephone 3472, Room 11, will be responsible for the practical arrangements of the course.

6. The Administrative Officer will make arrangements at the United Nations to enable the participants who may so desire to attend the Language Courses when they begin again.

7. The fellows shall spend the months of August and September with the Trade Policy Division. The programme of work for that period will be issued before the end of July.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR 6 - 31 JULY 1959

Note: As a rule the time-table will be as follows:

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| 10 to 11 a.m. :     | short statement by a GATT official to introduce the subject for the day                        |
| 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. : | free time for independent work for the preparation of the discussion on the subject of the day |
| 4 to 6 p.m. :       | discussion with the fellows on the subject of the day  |

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6 July: In the morning, installation of the fellows in their office and welcome by the Deputy Executive Secretary, followed by a short statement on the organization of the training course.

In the afternoon, the Information Officer will show the fellows the GATT Library and will introduce them to the UN Librarian. Discussion of the list of reference books and general guidance for the use of the GATT Library.

7 July: The rôle of foreign trade and commercial policy in the general economic policy and in particular its rôle in relation to economic development and growth..

8 July: 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.

9 July: 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).

10 July: 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.).

- 13 July: 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).
- 14 July: 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).
- 15 July: 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.
- 16 July: The rôle 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. The problem of agricultural protection.
- 17 July: 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).
- 20 July: The problem of regional arrangements (the rules for the formation of customs unions, free-trade areas, common markets and preferential arrangements).
- 21 July: The avoidance of unfair competition in international trade (provisions relating to subsidies and other export incentives).
- 22 July: The functions of the GATT in the settlement of disputes, the functions and procedure of the Panel on Conciliation.
- 23 July: 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).
- 24-27 July: The relations of the GATT with other intergovernmental agencies dealing with economic problems (1. the United Nations and its regional commissions; 2. United Nations Specialized Agencies: IMF, FAO, ILO; 3. other intergovernmental bodies: OEEC, European Coal and Steel Community, Council of Europe, Customs Co-operation Council; 4. non-governmental bodies).

- 28 July: International Trade Organization (Havana Charter); Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization; Organization for Trade Cooperation.
- 29 July: Protocol of Provisional Application; definitive application (Art.XXVI; Annex H); CONTRACTING PARTIES (Art.XXXII); withdrawal (Art.XXXI); territorial application (Art.XXIV:1 & 2); admission of territories which acquire autonomy (Art.XXVI:5(c)); accession (Art.XXXIII); non-application in particular cases (Art.XXXV); exceptions (Art.XX and XXI); observance by regional and local governments (Art.XXIV:12); interpretative notes (Annex H and Art.XXXIV); amendments (Art.XXX). CONTRACTING PARTIES (Art.XLV:1); intersessional procedures; consultation and complaints of impairment (Art.XXII and XXIII); waiving of obligations (Art.XXV:5); questions of interpretation; the legal functions of the GATT secretariat.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FELLOWSHIP COURSES

1. During their stay at GATT, the government officials holding UNTAA fellowships shall be considered to be temporary members of the secretariat and, subject to the conditions of the fellowship award as determined by UNTAA the secretariat rules and regulations shall be applicable to them.
2. The Deputy Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the fellowship programme. He shall designate an officer to take over the programme if he is absent at any time. A member of the staff shall be designated as secretary for the fellowship course and shall, under the supervision of the Deputy Executive Secretary, deal with all routine questions relating to the administration of the course, liaison with UNTAA, etc.
3. The fellows shall sign the secretariat attendance sheet. They shall report all absences from the GATT secretariat (sick leave, etc.) to the Administrative Service. Any absence without justification shall be reported by the head of the unit to which the fellows are assigned to the secretary of the fellowship course for the appropriate administrative action.
4. During the course, the UNTAA fellows will work in the various units of the secretariat. They will be considered as temporary members of each unit during their stay there, and the head of the unit will have the same responsibility with respect to their work and attendance as for the other members of his unit. The programme for the course in each unit will be prepared by the head of that unit and submitted to the Deputy Executive Secretary for approval. If there should be a change in the programme, the head of the unit will see to it that another project is assigned to the fellows or, if this is not possible, will inform the Deputy Executive Secretary, who will make alternative arrangements. When the fellows are asked to prepare a paper on a particular subject, the head of the unit shall advise the secretary of the fellowship programme, indicating the date by which the papers are to be submitted and the date on which they will be discussed.
5. Whenever, as part of the programme, the fellows are to attend meetings, the head of the unit shall make the necessary arrangements for having them briefed before the meeting commences; if pressure of work prevents him from doing so, he shall so inform the Deputy Executive Secretary, who will make the necessary arrangements.
6. There will be a study tour towards the end of each training course. The programme will be arranged by the Deputy Executive Secretary, who will designate an officer to make preparations for the tour and escort the group. During the tour, the officer escorting the fellows will be responsible for their work and regular attendance. Each of the fellows will prepare a note on part of the tour, and the escorting officer will prepare a general report on the tour for distribution to the fellows and for future reference.