

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

CORRIGENDUM TO DOCUMENT E/PC/T/C.I/7

SUMMARY RECORD OF SECOND MEETING (PART TWO)

1. Pages 2 and 3.

The report of the speech of Mr. MEADE (United Kingdom) is amended to read as follows:

⊕ [ "Mr. MEADE (United Kingdom) said that his Government was committed to undertake measures for the purpose of maintaining full employment - by which he meant "a high and stable level of demand for goods and services in general" - and would accept an international commitment to this effect.

The United Kingdom was in a very special and peculiar position. Though a great depression within its borders would adversely affect many other countries, the United Kingdom would itself be very vulnerable to a world depression.

To provide against the possibility of an international policy of full employment not being completely successful, certain safeguards would be necessary. As the Canadian Delegate had indicated, some such safeguards already existed. For example:

(a) Control of capital transfers.

(b) A country's right under the International Monetary Fund to depreciate its currency if it were in a fundamental disequilibrium, a right which would not be available to a country whose balance of payments was favourable.

(c) Restrictions on imports to restore equilibrium in the balance of payments as provided in the proposals for an international Trade Organization.

(d) Scarce currency clause of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund to which reference is also made in the United States proposals.

The additional safeguards suggested by the Australian Delegate should be carefully considered. Attention should also be paid to these elements of international action directly aimed at full employment and in this connection the following possible measures might be examined:

- (i) Positive action in commodity policy to stabilize the demand for primary products.
- (ii) Possibility of timing of international arrangements for economic development in the interests of employment policy.
- (iii) International synchronization of internal credit policies.
- (iv) Use of international resources to enable countries adversely affected by depressions elsewhere to maintain their demand for foreign goods and services."

2. Page 3

The name of the Delegate for the Union of South Africa is Mr. STEYN.

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