

be as sources of supply of primary commodities provided quality and safety standards could be met. He fired the first shots on investment protection.

7. In the Q&A session (the only substantial one of the whole conference), von Cramon-Tabadel (Kiel University) asked the \$64,000 question on the support price objective E/C European countries were aiming at, i.e. Community or world. Bylinski gave a good answer, that they wanted similar support mechanisms to the Community which they would use to defend prices they could afford (politically as well as economically).

SECOND SESSION

8. Preceded by an address from Richard Crowder (USDA Under Secretary) who touched on GATT and the impact of the CAP on developing countries (and, by implicit analogy, E/C European countries).

9. Piquantly, Claude Villain chaired the following session. He explained fairly gently that the Americans always oversimplified things, did not understand the rural social perspective in Europe and invited the delegates to consider not whether the US, EC or New Zealand economic models for agriculture should be adopted by E/C (East and Central) European countries but whether there were lessons or aspects from these different systems which could be useful (and applied) in E/C Europe and the USSR.

10. Professor Csaki's speech (copy available if required) was more analytical than prescriptive. The really interesting point that emerged was that the Hungarian agricultural land reform compromise had been stopped dead in its tracks by the highest constitutional law body in Hungary ruling that the Government could not draw an arbitrary line, based on a date, between those land owners who could apply to have their land back and those (the Church, aristocracy and large estate owners) who could not.

11. Vice Marshall of the Polish Senate, Stelmachowski again gave a consummate political speech (text available) without taking us much further forward. A welcome and enjoyable contribution nevertheless.

12. Alexi Emeljanov (member of the Supreme Soviet) gave a highly political speech. Much of the initial impact was lost due to translation difficulties, in the course of which it was revealed by the interpreters that Russian to English translation was being accomplished by our Hungarian to English translator to his colleague translating from Russian to Hungarian!

13. By the time Gale Johnson (University of Chicago), Judith Symonds (Ruder-Fin, USA), Brian Fisher (Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economies) and Gerard Viatte (OECD) had reacted, no time was left for questions. The reactors divided their comments between protection of commercial investment and the