

- (3) Establishment of general rules relating to the certification of these needs and planning stock.
- (4) Establishment of wood balance sheets for all major countries and for the world (by continental groups).
- (5) Continuation of studies to attempt to counterbalance excessive cutting with a re-evaluation of growing stock.
- (6) Advice on measures and policies to secure the gradual achievement of consumption goals.
- (7) Analysis of pulp consumption in relation to pulpwood supplies.
- (8) Convening the Third World Forest Congress at which FAO's program might be discussed.

STATISTICS

The report of the Technical Committee on Statistics states that the high purposes of the nations in establishing FAO can only be served if jointly and operation both have a firm foundation of factual information.

It remarks: "More often than not the lack of factual information has delayed the initiation of steps to relieve distress which suffering has reached the acute stage." Thus only by providing a sound statistical service may an organization such as FAO function effectively and in time.

The report adds that because statistical programs call for frequent requests to governments, collaboration in the field of statistics is imperative; also that investigation should become a most important and productive part of the proposed statistical activities.

The committee recommends that FAO:

- (1) Establish a statistical unit and assign to it the task of planning statistical inquiries; collecting, compiling and publishing statistical reports; improving statistical techniques; and such other functions as are needed to provide statistical information of high quality and utility.
- (2) Develop a program of statistical inquiries to monitor developments on nutrition and food management, agricultural production and primary processing, agricultural prices, fisheries, agricultural credits, forestry and primary forest products, and such other subjects as are primarily within the field.
- (3) Arrange with the other international agencies for the collection, jointly or separately, of statistical material on labor in agriculture, forestry and fisheries, labor national trade in agricultural products, and such other subjects as are of joint interest.
- (4) Collaborate with the other international agencies for advice and studies in the international field by providing such other agencies with statistics in the field when they request, and by obtaining from them statistics in their fields when it requires.
- (5) In developing the program, as this contains the essential collection of reports from governments to various selected on the basis of relative importance and availability, keeping in view the broader objective to which energies will be directed, and providing for continuing progress in countries