

Enclosure

**PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE AND
EMPLOYMENT**

Developed by a Technical Staff within the Government of the United States in preparation for an International Conference on Trade and Employment and Presented for Consideration by the Peoples of the World.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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FOREWORD

By the Secretary of State

The proposals contained in this pamphlet have been developed by experts drawn from several agencies of the United States Government, working together under the general chairmanship of William L. Clayton, Assistant Secretary of State, and are published, for consideration by the people of the United States and by the peoples and the governments of other countries, in preparation for an International Conference on Trade and Employment.

It is important that such a Conference, based on these or similar proposals, should meet as soon as possible. Nations are now determining the policies which they will apply to trade in the postwar world. It is urgently necessary that these policies should be agreed upon, in order that the world may not separate into economic blocs.

The Government of the United States, therefore, believes that such a Conference should meet, under the sponsorship of the United Nations, not later than the summer of 1946. The representatives of the United States in the appropriate organs of the United Nations will urge that this be done.

The success of such a Conference depends on adequate preparation. This preparation should go forward immediately. The present publication and the careful work that lies behind it represent a determined effort to come to grips with the problems that will confront such a Conference and so to prepare the way for its success.

JAMES F. BYRNES.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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MR. SECRETARY:

I hand you herewith "Proposals for Consideration by an International Conference on Trade and Employment", together with a statement of their purpose.

These proposals have been developed over many months by a group of experts drawn from all the interested departments and agencies of the government. They are intended to suggest a way in which the United States and other countries may concert their policy and action in the field of international trade so that the enormous productive powers which lie all about us may