

- (3) Establishment of general rules relating to the certification of tree seeds and planting 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 the rebuilding 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 policy 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 until 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 interpretation should become a most important end product 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 member governments on nutrition and food management, agricultural production and primary processing, agricultural prices, fisheries, agricultural credit, forestry and primary forest products, and such other subjects as are primarily within its field.
- (3) Arrange with the other international agencies for the collection, jointly or otherwise, of statistics relating to labor in agriculture, forestry and fisheries, international trade in agricultural products, and such other subjects as are of joint interest.
- (4) Collaborate with the other international agencies that collect statistics in the international field by providing such other agencies with statistics in its field which they require, and by obtaining from them statistics in their fields which it requires.
- (5) In developing the programs, at first confine the actual collection of reports from governments to series 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 conformity