

quickly?" was the astonished Parent's question. "Well, Daddy," came the reply, "there was a picture of a man on the other side of the map; I just put the man together and the world looked after itself." How true!

I think that it is newsworthy that a beginning was made in Montreal by cutting away some of the barriers to an increased trade within the Commonwealth as a preliminary step towards an expanded world trade. Moreover, constructive steps were taken towards improving the domestic basis for an increasing and continuing exchange of goods so that all peoples may share in prosperity and receive the benefits resulting from nature's bounty and man's productivity.

In the statement summarizing the results of the conference, one clause above all others must have caught the eye of an interested United States observer: it is to the effect that for the proper accomplishment of the conference aims, the co-operation of the United States is required. What does that mean? A handout? Certainly not: the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference was a meeting of a group of countries which, like Canada, are fiercely proud of their independence.

It would, however, be unrealistic for Commonwealth leaders to pretend that events and pressures outside the Commonwealth could be disregarded. They knew that in order to be effective, the policies which they agreed on in conference would have to harmonize with the policies of other nations in the world, and especially with those of our friends and allies. I now return to my original geometric metaphor to remind you that a triangle has three sides, and that the third face of the figure which I have attempted to sketch is the Commonwealth-United States relationship.

What, then, did the conference expect of the United States? Again I repeat: not a handout. Co-operation and comprehension of consequences may sum up the expectation, or at least the hope. These can be manifested particularly in three ways:

(A) In the first place, by implementation of the proposal put forward by President Eisenhower for an immediate substantial increase in the resources available to the International Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

(B) By participation in a careful commodity by commodity approach to the orderly marketing of raw materials and to ways of ensuring that primary producers throughout the world may experience enough sense of security and receive sufficient compensation for their labours to build a firm base of economic stability in the countries affected.