

International Commodity Clearing House. The Director-General's Report on World Commodity Problems points out the necessity for the agency to conduct its transactions so as to supplement and support, but not compete with or replace, the normal channels of trading enterprise.

This would have particular application in cases where exporting countries, because of the inconvertibility of currencies or for other reasons, may find it expedient to dispose of surpluses in countries to which they would not otherwise export such quantities. It is obvious under such conditions, and lacking any co-operative international action, that such methods of disposal might easily result in other exporting countries losing commercial markets.

Unless the proposed international agency, with the co-operation of the governments concerned, could direct the disposal of any substantial surpluses which may arise in a way that would avoid this kind of development, then the effort of other exporting countries to maintain production levels in keeping with natural demand would be jeopardized and far-reaching effects might result throughout the entire food and agriculture economy of the world.

In conclusion, we in Canada agree with the United States and the United Kingdom that suggestions should be considered by a Working Committee. The Canadian delegation will co-operate in every possible way on such a Committee. We hope that out of this conference will come a suggestion that we can all agree on.

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