

30. As regards the Belgian Congo, we should like to see an expansion of cotton production, which would help to relieve European dependence on dollar cotton. The greatest single contribution from a dependent territory to European recovery, however, would be the recovery of the N.E.I. whose pre-war output of sugar molasses and cattlefeed would alter the European picture considerably. It seems doubtful whether anything can be done there, however, until political conditions improve.

31. Our own plans for the development of primary production in Central Africa are closely affected by the state of the railway running through Portuguese East Africa to the port of Beira. There is room for a substantial project for improving this port and increasing the carrying capacity of the railway which serves it.