

early solution of this grave issue the future of the Commonwealth as a multi-racial association would clearly be endangered. They expressed the hope that such an early solution will be announced by the British Government at the forthcoming meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

21. The Conference endorsed the resolution adopted by the Commonwealth Caribbean Heads of Government at their recent meeting in Barbados affirming their fullest support for the self-determination of British Honduras in accordance with the wishes of the people of the country.

CULTURAL RELATIONS

22. The Conference recognized the desirability of further strengthening the cultural ties between Canada and the Commonwealth Caribbean. It was decided to establish appropriate machinery for strengthening such ties with a view to giving the Canadian public the opportunity of seeing in their own country the expression by West Indian artists of indigenous Caribbean art forms such as the dance and the steelband and to making the West Indian public familiar with Canadian artistic achievements particularly in the field of the performing arts. The Government of Canada also indicated its willingness to assist with the establishment of broadcasting facilities serving the entire region of the Commonwealth Caribbean and consultations will now take place among the broadcasting authorities of the participating governments.

METHODS OF FOLLOWING UP THE CANADA-CARIBBEAN TALKS

23. In keeping with the intention of Heads of Government that the consultations instituted at this Conference should be continued, it was agreed that a meeting of the governments represented should be held, at a date to be fixed and at an agreed venue in the West Indies, for a general discussion of Commonwealth Caribbean-Canada relationships and to review progress. In the meantime to ensure that effective follow-up action is taken on the matters discussed at this Conference it was agreed that, in addition to normal bilateral consultations, the High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Caribbean countries in Ottawa should consult jointly with Canadian officials regarding the timing and location of the first meeting of the Trade and Economic Committee and the form of other consultative arrangements for the future.

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE

The Trade Committee established by the Conference on July 6 has held three sessions.

2. We reviewed a range of trade and commodity problems in the light of the Trade Agreement of 1925 and of developments since then, including the prospects for the Kennedy Round of Tariff negotiations.

3. The Committee agreed that the 1925 Agreement continued to provide a valuable basis for our trade relations. In some respects, however, there is need to adapt the Agreement to current circumstances and requirements. The discussion of trade and commodity problems covered a number of issues of concern to participating countries, including problems relating to the trade in rum, rice, sugar, bananas, citrus and other fruits, vegetables and spices, wheat, salted fish and manufactured goods.

4. The Commonwealth Caribbean countries expressed particular concern about possible damage to their trade over any loss of their present preferential position in the Canadian market and the importance, particularly for the smaller territories, of improved shipping facilities for the development of their exports to Canada.

5. Considerable attention was given to the problems faced by the Commonwealth Caribbean sugar producers in their sales of sugar to Canada.