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DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORIES

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
IN NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

Note by the Secretariat

1. In compliance with General Assembly resolution 564 (VI) of 18 January 1952, the Secretary-General submitted a note to the Trusteeship Council (document T/966) communicating to its Members for their consideration the report prepared by the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter on economic conditions and problems of development in Non-Self-Governing Territories.^{1/} This report was approved by the General Assembly as a brief but considered indication of economic conditions in the Non-Self-Governing Territories by the afore-mentioned resolution.
2. By the present communication attention is drawn to those aspects of economic conditions and development problems which, as has been implied by the report of the Special Committee, are related to the work undertaken through the Trusteeship Council in regard to conditions in the various Trust Territories^{2/} and in particular to the work being undertaken by the Committee on Rural Economic Development.
3. In accordance with the mandate contained in General Assembly resolution 445 (V) of 12 December 1950, the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter gave its primary consideration to economic conditions and problems of development in Non-Self-Governing Territories which

^{1/} Report of the Special Committee on Information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter, 2-27 October 1951, Part III, pp. 25-40, Official Records of the General Assembly: Sixth Session - Supplement No. 14 (A/1836).

^{2/} See also page 39, paragraph 120, of the Report of the Special Committee.

resulted in the report referred to above. In it, the Special Committee treated separately the various aspects of agricultural and industrial development but stipulated that such treatment did not indicate any failure to realize that the economic development had to be regarded in all aspects as a single policy designed to further the general and balanced advancement of the Territories in the interests of their peoples.

4. The report was thus divided into sections considering the following aspects:

- (a) problems of basic equipment,
- (b) agriculture, forestry and fisheries,
- (c) agricultural credit,
- (d) co-operatives,
- (e) marketing of agricultural products,
- (f) distribution and tenure of land,
- (g) industrial development,
- (h) mining policy,
- (i) research

5. The consideration of these topics and the preparation of the report were based on the documentation submitted to the Special Committee by the Secretary-General and, in some cases, by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organisation. Among the documents presumed to be of particular interest to the Committee on the Rural Economic Development of the Trust Territories are the following:

- (1) Economic objectives and general aspects of development
programmes (United Nations Secretariat) A/AC.35/L.32
A/AC.35/L.32/Add.1
- (2) Information on standards of living
(United Nations Secretariat) A/AC.35/L.56
A/AC.35/L.56/Corr.1
- (3) Trends in fisheries development
(United Nations Secretariat) A/AC.35/L.34
A/AC.35/L.34/Add.1

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| (4) Agricultural credit and data on co-operative societies (United Nations Secretariat) | A/AC.35/L.48 |
| (5) Problems relating to the establishment of co-operative movements and government action for their solution (ILO) | A/AC.35/L.49 |
| (6) Marketing of agricultural products (United Nations Secretariat) | A/AC.35/L.45
A/AC.35/L.45/Corr.1 |
| (7) General aspects of land distribution (United Nations Secretariat) | A/AC.35/L.50 |
| (8) Settlement policies (United Nations Secretariat) | A/AC.35/L.61 |
| (9) General programmes of industrial development (United Nations Secretariat) | A/AC.35/L.44 |
| (10) Mining economy (United Nations Secretariat) | A/AC.35/L.29
A/AC.35/L.29/Corr.1 |
| (11) Education for rural welfare (United Nations Secretariat) | A/AC.35/L.43 |
| (12) Organization of rural health services (United Nations Secretariat) | A/AC.35/L.42 |
| (13) Migrant Labour (ILO) | A/AC.35/L.40 |
| (14) Action of the ILO in relation to programmes for the training of workers (ILO) | A/AC.35/L.52 |
| (15) Forestry policy (FAO) | A/AC.35/L.37 |
| (16) Food consumption and nutrition (FAO) | A/AC.35/L.39
A/AC.35/L.39/Add.1 |

6. The Committee on Rural Economic Development may also be interested in some of the topics to be discussed during the coming session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories which, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 565 (VI), has been requested to give in 1952 its primary consideration to social conditions and development in Non-Self-Governing Territories.^{1/} Among these topics will be included questions dealing with the social aspects of economic development under such headings as:

^{1/} See also document A/C.4/L.147

- (1) Problems of rural settlement and of the social organization of newly established communities
- (2) Progress of international studies in relation to migrant labour
- (3) Wage policies, and
- (4) Trade-union organizations

7. The documentation to be presented by the United Nations Secretariat and, possibly, the International Labour Organisation to the next session of the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories will include the treatment of the above-listed topics.

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