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WORLD OIL RESOURCES

Communication from the International Cooperative
Alliance

The Secretary-General has received the following letters from
the International Cooperative Alliance:

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London, S.W.1.

23 May 1949

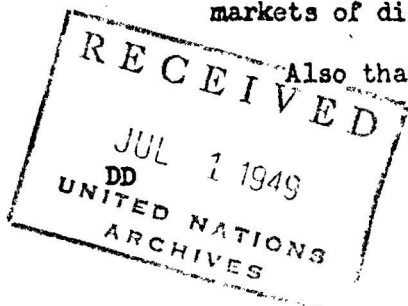
Sir,

At its 17th Congress in Prague in September 1948, the International
Cooperative Alliance adopted the following Resolution on World Oil
Resources:

" The 17th Congress of the International Cooperative Alliance
stresses the urgent necessity of an effective implementation of
the principle of the Atlantic Charter of free and equal access
to the raw material resources of the world for the maintenance
of a lasting peace;

Further, that these raw material resources to an ever-
increasing extent are being exploited by monopolistic
combinations, cartels and trusts, active in the national or
international field, with a view to deriving excessive profit
by restricting production and establishing domination of the
markets of distribution;

Also that this development in the case of certain important



raw materials, as petroleum, has had the effect that, in spite of abundant potential resources, the supply available during periods of particularly heavy demand cannot satisfy the growing needs with the result that, in the present situation, a world shortage of petroleum has arisen;

The Congress, therefore, emphasises the urgency that this development be submitted for a study to a suitable organ or specialised agency within the framework of the United Nations Organisation to serve as a basis for measures to be taken with a view to safeguarding, by international agreement, the expansion of production and the free access to petroleum, also to providing for the consumers all reasonable facilities to cover their needs through organisations of their own."

On behalf of the International Cooperative Alliance I have the honour of respectfully asking you to include it on the Provisional Agenda for the forthcoming Ninth Session of the Economic and Social Council.

A supporting document is being prepared and will be forwarded to the Secretariat of the United Nations Organisation without delay.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(signed) THORSTEN ODHE

Director"

" 1 June 1949

Sir,

Referring to the letter of the International Cooperative Alliance of the 23rd of May 1949, regarding the inclusion into the Agenda for the Ninth Session of the Economic and Social Council of the Resolution on World Oil Resources adopted by the ICA Congress in Prague 1948, I have the honour to forward to you the Document in support of the respectful request of the ICA.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

(signed) THORSTEN ODHE

Director "