

Countries may require advice and assistance in the reconstruction and modernization of their agricultural production. The exchange of research materials between all Member Countries will be essential.

The findings of science must be translated in terms appropriate to people. Educational and extension programs must be broad in scope and all modern techniques of press, radio and film will have to be utilized in addition to demonstrations on operating farms. The exchange of experience and techniques and of improved seeds, shrubs, trees and farm animals among countries was also recommended.

The report of agricultural production recognized further the need to stimulate, where and when economically possible, increased production of protective foods, the need to provide adequate credit for farmers, the need to find ways of supplying the farmers of the world with suitable and sufficient labour, machinery and equipment for the production of crops and animal products. FAO will also concern itself in this field with the welfare of all rural people and work towards programs which will be necessary to assure the rural people of the world an equitable share of national incomes and social services.

The program of agricultural production was divided into a number of headings with a series of recommendations under each for the guidance of the Director General and his staff. Some idea of the tremendous scope of these recommendations will be obtained by a brief reference to a few of them. It is recommended that FAO should:—

- (a) Co-operate with such special international agencies as those dealing with health, housing, social legislation, credit and trade to assure quality and services to rural people.
- (b) Take necessary steps in co-operation with other international organizations and governments to develop a proper plan for agriculture and other industries.
- (c) Undertake studies of income and levels of living of rural people.
- (d) Encourage surveys in land classification with a view to the more rational use of land.
- (e) Promote flood-prevention and water-conservation measures.
- (f) Undertake economic studies of areas to learn the potentialities of soils and requirements for soil improvement and conservation.
- (g) Encourage the development of extension services throughout the world.
- (h) Provide for the assembling, compiling, abstracting and disseminating of scientific and technical information in the field of agricultural production.
- (i) Provide assistance to Member Nations in the organization of research agencies.
- (j) Collaborate with all agencies in encouragement of research personnel.
- (k) Make periodic appraisals of commodity situations and production programs.
- (l) Collect and distribute to Member Nations information on various types of agricultural co-operatives.
- (m) Survey post-war needs for fertilizers and fertilizer-processing facilities.
- (n) Investigate ways and means of lowering the cost of agricultural machinery for farmers.
- (o) Arrange for assistance and guidance for the organization of research institutions in the tropics and sub-tropics.