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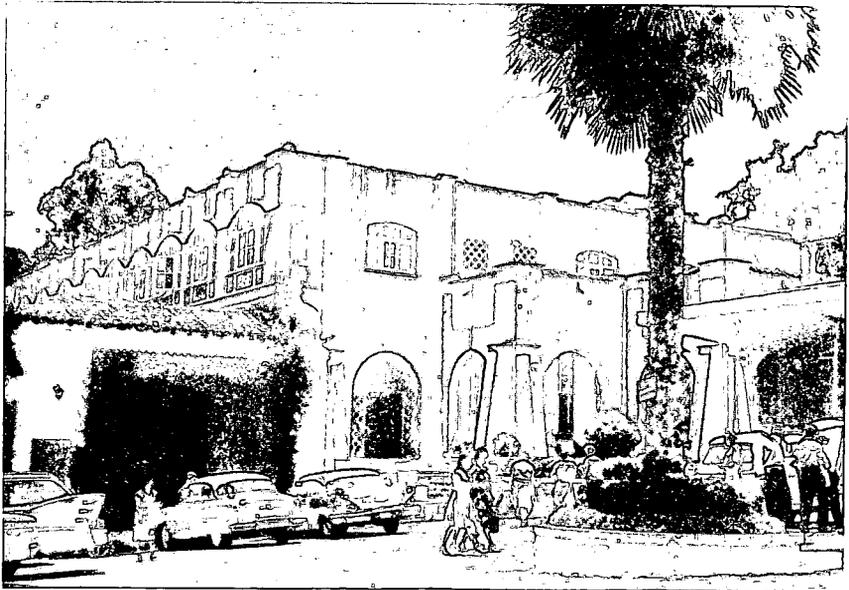
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PREFACE

RECENT International Conferences of Agricultural Economists have been marked by the growing interest and participation of members from Latin America. The holding of the Eleventh Conference in Cuernavaca, Mexico, was a reflection of this interest and also of the social and economic development of this region in which agriculture plays such a conspicuous part.

Attendance broke all records. Our Mexican hosts afforded hospitality to some seven hundred guests (including the families of Conference members) from sixty-two national or area groups. The problems arising from the accommodation, feeding, and entertaining of this vast host were met with unfailing willingness and good humour by members of the Committee of the Conference and the catering staff, and a tightly packed programme developed smoothly from beginning to end. Amongst many happy memories, outstanding must be the recollection of Ing. Antonio Tapia, Assistant Secretary to the Committee, coping cheerfully and tirelessly with problems arising from all parts of the world. Ing. Tapia was also directly associated with our Secretary, Dr. Joseph Ackerman, in the earlier negotiations and planning, and the Conference owes him and his colleague Lic. Victor Moya, a great debt of gratitude.

The theme of the Conference—the Role of Agriculture in Economic Development—was particularly relevant to Latin America, and discussion was facilitated by the prior publication of the three key papers by Professors Svenilsson, Kuznets and Cairncross in the *International Journal of Agrarian Affairs*, Vol. III, No. 2. Once again, Vice-President Edgar Thomas was responsible for programme development, and the technique of Group Discussion was ably exploited and developed by Dr. Harry C. Trelogan. Summarized reports of these discussion groups, together with the group photographs, are already published in the *International Journal of Agrarian Affairs*, Vol. III, No. 3.

In the Conference tradition, visits were made to places of agricultural and cultural interest. These included the archaeological sites at Xochicalco and Teotihuacan, the Emiliano Zapata sugar-mill, the National School of Agriculture at Chapingo, and the old city of Taxco. Following the Conference, most members joined tours to various parts of Mexico.

The Conference was honoured by the presence of Dr. Aldofo Lopez Mateos, President of the Republic of the United States of

Mexico, who opened the Conference, Ing. Julián Rodríguez Adame, Secretary of Agriculture, and Ing. Jesus Patiño Navarrete. Together they made all members feel truly welcome to Mexico, and gave a fitting introduction to the problems and aspirations of the region. At the opening a telegram was read from Dr. L. K. Elmhirst, Founder-President, who was unable to attend because of illness. This was the only Conference in which Dr. Elmhirst has not taken a leading part. We are happy to report that he has now quite recovered his health.

In addition to the help received from the Mexican Government and other organizations and individuals in Mexico, generous financial assistance towards travel and other expenses was received from the Council on Economic and Cultural Affairs, the Ford Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Whitney Foundation, the Massey-Ferguson Company, and the Pillsbury Company.

In addition to those already mentioned, we would express our thanks to Sr. Norberto Lopez Avelar, Governor of the State of Morelos; Ing. Victor Manuel de Leon, Secretary-General of the Conference; Sr. Fernando Cobo, Manager of the Hotel Casino de la Selva, and his staff; Governors of the states which extended hospitality for tours; the staffs of the various enterprises which collaborated in the technical aspects of the Conference; and the translators, recorders, and stenographers who helped to make the discussions generally understood and finally placed on record.

Once again Miss P. Hooke of the Institute of Agrarian Affairs undertook responsibility for transcription in her usual good-natured and efficient manner, and has carried out the subsequent typing and secretarial work at the Institute.

With this Conference, Mr. Roger Dixey relinquished the editorship which passes to Mr. J. Owen Jones, Mr. Dixey's successor as Director of the University of Oxford Institute of Agrarian Affairs. The International Association of Agricultural Economists wishes to place on record its sincere appreciation of the vast amount of meticulous work which Mr. Dixey has unobtrusively undertaken on its behalf since 1951.

Finally, we would thank all those throughout the world, far too numerous to mention individually, who have in any way made possible the success of the Conference.

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