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NOTE BY THE EDITOR

ON the suggestion of several members of the Council of the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, meeting at East Lansing, Michigan, in 1952, this number of the Journal deals with questions of land settlement, in the sense of providing new farms, either by the reclamation of land or by its redevelopment, and establishing people in the holdings thus provided.

The urge for settlement of this kind is felt whenever the number of agricultural holdings in a country, or an area, falls short of the number of families seeking an agricultural way of life there, a condition which may come about through various causes, and which may develop gradually over the years or arise as a sudden emergency. It is the variety as well as the importance of the problems which result—and of their solutions—that suggested that a study of the experiences of different countries in meeting what, in spite of differences, is in essence a common set of difficulties would be interesting and in some ways indispensable to a full understanding of the relationship between population and the use of land for agricultural purposes.

This issue of the Journal covers a wide sweep, containing as it does articles dealing with these questions as they have arisen in countries so different as Ceylon, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, and the United States of America. Each is contributed by an authoritative writer, or writers, to whom the thanks of the editor and the readers are due.