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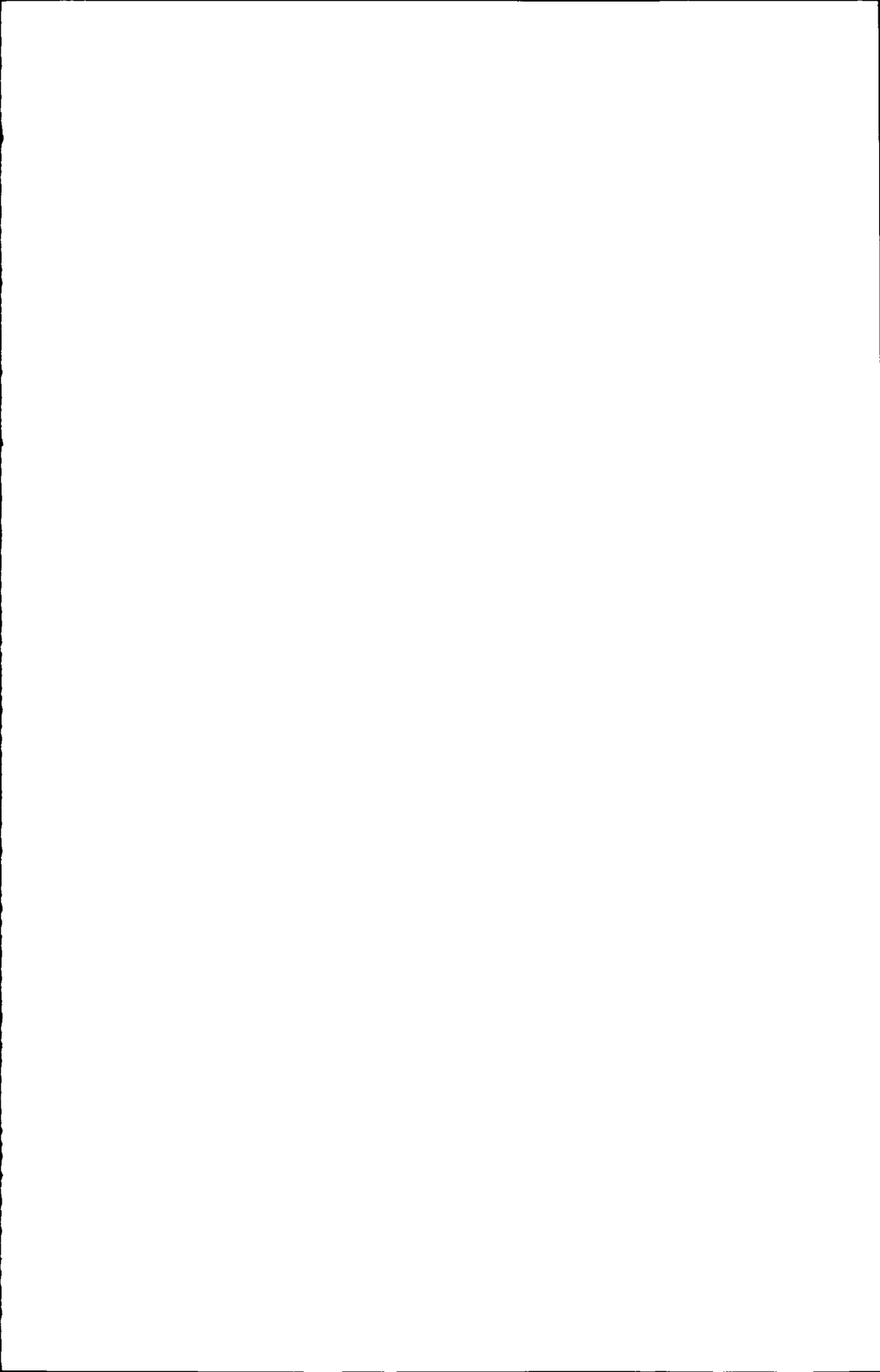
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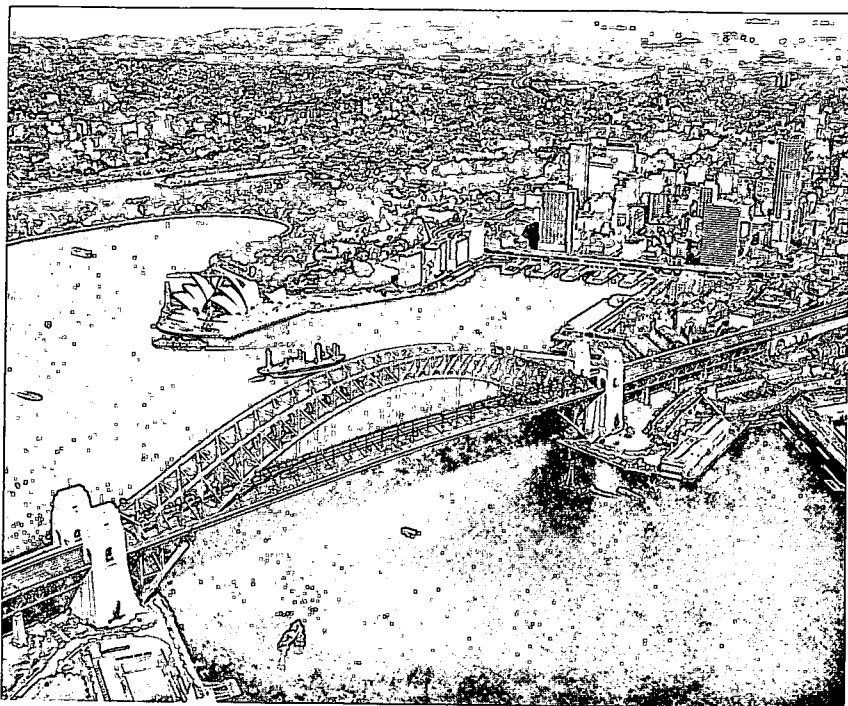
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PREFACE

FOR the first time in the history of the series, the 1967 conference was held south of the Equator. The holding of the conference in the Commonwealth of Australia was a reflection of the keen interest of Australian agricultural economists in international collaboration within the sphere of International Association of Agricultural Economists (I.A.A.E.) over many years. The attraction for members of Sydney as a meeting-place is shown by the large attendance of 501 participants from 56 countries. There were 15 representatives from Africa, 262 from Asia, 27 from Latin America, 102 from North America, 92 from Europe, and 3 from international governmental organizations.

The Conference was opened by His Excellency Lord Casey, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Also present at the opening ceremony were the Right Honourable C. F. Adermann, Minister for Primary Industry in the Commonwealth Government, and the Honourable Mr. W. A. Chaffey, Minister for Agriculture in the State of New South Wales.

The Executive of the Association wishes to place on record its deep gratitude to the University of Sydney, to its affiliated colleges, and to the Sydney University Union for the facilities and services provided during the Conference; to the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Governments of the several States and various Australian banking and industrial firms for generous financial assistance without which it would not have been possible to hold the Conference in that country.

The local arrangements for the Sydney meeting were in the hands of the Chairman of the Australian Group, Professor K. O. Campbell, and his colleagues on the Organizing Committee. Mr. P. C. Druce was in charge of the Conference- and post-Conference excursions in Australia. He was ably supported in this task by officers of the New South Wales Government Tourist Bureau. Mr. E. A. Saxon and Mr. Allan Stratton served as secretary and treasurer respectively, and Mr. R. W. Prunster undertook various administrative duties associated with the Conference. Responsibility for the arrangement of the social functions was assigned to Mr. C. I. A. Beale. In conjunction with Miss Alison Kingsland he also organized the women's hospitality programme. The planning and editing of the monograph *Agriculture in the Australian Economy*, which was prepared especially for the Conference, was the task of a subcommittee of which Dr. D. B. Williams was the convenor. Others, too numerous to mention individually, contributed materially to the success of the Conference. On the way to the Conference or on the way home members enjoyed the hospitality of many countries, in particular a large party visited many farms and institutions in New Zealand, with great appreciation of those who were responsible for the plans.

A conference makes heavy demands on the secretarial staff, interpreters, and those who operate the recording apparatus. The state of peaceful coexistence between speakers, rapporteurs, and those who transcribed owed much to the diplomacy of Mr. Kenneth Hunt. Without their willing and efficient help much less useful work would have been done at the Conference and this report of the proceedings would have been a shadow of its present form.

A conference serving such a wide range of people drawn from so many countries could scarcely be contemplated, let alone carried through, without generous support from many quarters. In addition to the help received from Australian resources, financial assistance for travel grants was contributed by the American Bankers Association, American Farm Economic Association, The Chase Manhattan Bank, Deere & Co., Diamond National Corporation, First National City Bank of New York, The Ford Foundation, Ford Motor Company Fund, I.B.M. World Trade Corporation, International Minerals and Chemical Corporation, Massey-Ferguson, Ltd., Charles E. Merrill Trust, National Dairy Products Corporation, National Milk Producers Federation, Owens-Illinois, The Pillsbury Company, Ralston Purina Company, The Rockefeller Foundation, and the William C. Whitney Foundation.

Direct assistance in support of persons attending the Conference was provided by The Asia Foundation, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, the Shell International Petroleum Company Ltd., The Agricultural Development Council Inc., The Ford Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Assistance by The Agricultural Development Council to the I.A.A.E. made possible, among other activities, pre-Conference visits to a number of countries in Europe and the Near East by the President and to Latin America by the Secretary-Treasurer.

To bring about a successful Conference tremendous efforts are needed in advance in planning the programme. Our Vice-President, Professor John Raeburn, was in charge of building the programme and securing speakers, and he implemented his laborious and demanding task with great success. On behalf of I.A.A.E. it is my privilege to express our thanks to him for all his work. We are also very much indebted to our Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Joseph Ackerman. I do not exaggerate when I state that the financial support received from various sources for this Conference was made available thanks to his valuable contacts with foundations and to the excellent manner in which he maintains these contacts.

The themes of the last three conferences had been 'Agriculture and its term of trade', 'The role of agriculture in economic development', and 'Disparities in the pace and form of agricultural and rural development'. In developing the programme for this our thirteenth conference, Professor Raeburn followed the procedure which had proved rewarding before. At the Lyons Conference in August 1964 he had the benefit of expressions of opinions about topics which should be considered in outlining the programme. With these as background he sought the considered views of

members through the country correspondents and, with this guidance, proceeded to build up the programme.

The theme of the Sydney Conference was 'The economists and farm people in a rapidly changing world'. The 'theme' papers discussed this subject from the point of view of demographers, economists, natural scientists, and political scientists. The plenary sessions were simultaneously translated into English, French, Spanish, and German.

An innovation for this Conference was the use of simultaneous quarter-conference meetings to discuss the main papers and sets of special group meetings, seventeen in all, on subjects under the general topics related to (1) farm production economics, (2) international trade and marketing problems, with particular reference to regional and other agreements, and (3) raising the rate of economic growth and development in low-income economies by increasing provision of 'newer' factors of production. In addition, throughout the conference period, a series of discussion groups were held on topics of current interest to the participants. In organizing the discussion groups Dr. Emerson Brooks, U.S.A., followed a similar procedure to that of his predecessor Dr. Harry Trelogan. On behalf of all participants in the various groups I wish to thank him for his never-failing patience and burning enthusiasm in building up his special sector of the programme.¹

A series of nine tours to various points of agricultural and general interest in Australia followed the Conference. These gave the conference representatives an excellent opportunity to study at first hand a portion of the world with which most of them were unfamiliar. Many participants on their journey home enjoyed a tour in New Zealand organized by Mr. Brian Low. We were indebted to many organizations and individuals for our experiences there.

Two meetings of the Council were held during the Conference. It was reported to the Council that the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau had agreed to undertake the publication of the *World Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Abstracts* (W.A.E.R.S.A.). This had resulted in the establishment of an editorial office on a permanent basis at Oxford. The I.A.A.E. is represented on the Editorial Board.

The Council decided to hold the fourteenth conference of I.A.A.E. in the U.S.S.R. It was generally agreed that Africa should be the site of the Conference after that, and the invitation extended by the government of Kenya was accepted on a provisional basis. The final decision will be in the hands of the representatives at the Council meeting in 1970.

The representatives of the Council re-elected its officials: Dr. Nils Westermarck as President, Professor John Raeburn as Vice-President, and Dr. Joseph Ackerman as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Council took special note of the death of Mr. Jock Currie who for many years had worked devotedly for I.A.A.E.

Once again Miss Phyllis Hooke of the Institute of Agrarian Affairs,

¹ The reports of these groups were published in *The International Journal of Agrarian Affairs*, vol. v, no. 3.

Oxford University, carried the responsibility for the transcription of the proceedings in her usual efficient manner and for the subsequent secretarial work at the Institute. We wish also to thank Mr. Kenneth Hunt, Director of the Institute of Agrarian Affairs, Oxford, who has been in charge of editing these Proceedings.

Summing up, it gives me much pleasure to record the fact that the local arrangements and the services to the participants were exemplary. The Australians made a deep impression on all of us who attended. The Sydney Conference has considerably strengthened the I.A.A.E. for its activities in the future and it will remain in our memories as one of our most successful ones.

NILS WESTERMARCK