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NOTE BY THE EDITOR

IT is the duty of the Council of the International Conference of Agricultural Economists to see to it that the Conference serves its members in the most useful manner. Accordingly, when the Council met in Mysore in 1958 they followed their usual practice of taking into consideration various suggestions that had been put forward by members for ensuring that the discussions at the next meeting of the Conference would be as fruitful as possible. One of the suggestions was that early publication of some of the key papers on the main theme of the Conference would provide a foretaste of matters to be discussed and of the lines of approach to be taken by the main speakers. It would also give members an opportunity to prepare themselves while still in touch with their home sources of material, and indeed might stimulate some of them who had not thought of doing so to make the journey to the meeting in order to assist at the discussion.

The meeting is to take place in Mexico in August 1961, when the main theme is to be the role of agriculture in economic development, and we are privileged to have been asked to be the medium through which the three key papers on this subject will reach the members of the Conference in advance of the meeting.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that we present Professor Svennilson and Professor Kuznets on the concept and measurement of economic growth and Professor Cairncross on the contribution made to it by foreign and indigenous capital.