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Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The Preparatory Committee at its Second Session requested the Secretariat to supply to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment accurate information as to the population, external trade, national income, and percentage of external trade to national income for as many countries as possible for use in connection with the determination of different formulae for weighted voting. (See page 65 of the Report of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee).
2. The table set out on the following pages contains the statistics requested by the Preparatory Committee. The figures supplied should be read in the light of the following notes:

(a) Population Figures:

The population figures relate to the trade statistical territories, which in some cases do not coincide with the political territory (e.g., Union of South Africa). The 1946 figures are in some cases provisional. Most population figures relate to the de facto population, that is, to population "present in area".

/(b) Trade Figures:

Note by the Executive Secretary (cont.)

(b) Trade Figures:

- (i) The trade figures relate to Merchandise only and to Special Trade (including warehouse trade when inseparable); they therefore exclude bullion and specie. Supplementary Table II attached, shows the exports (domestic product) of non-banking gold and silver bullion, by destination as far as available.
- (ii) The 1946 trade figures are in all cases provisional, and the exchange rates used for their conversion to dollars are in some cases rather approximate (e.g., multiple-rate currencies). Exchange-rate data have been supplied by the best sources available.
- (iii) The 1938 and 1946 territories are, as nearly as possible, comparable and coincident with the present frontiers (e.g., the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics includes the three Baltic States excluding, of course, in 1938 their trade with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and with one another).
- (iv) UNRRA shipments are excluded from imports and included in exports. For figures, see Supplementary Table I.
- (v) Deliveries on account of Lend-Lease, Reverse Lend-Lease (Mutual Aid), Reparations in kind, Restitutions and Contributions by Allied Military are excluded from both imports and exports. However, "cash" and "credit" lend-lease (as distinct from "straight" lend-lease) are, as far as known, included in imports.

(c) National Income Figures:

- (i) The national income estimates are derived:
 - (a) from official sources and data supplied to the United Nations Statistical Office by governments;
 - (b) for some countries, by extrapolation of available estimates for earlier years (figures shown with an asterisk);
 - (c) for certain other countries (where recent figures have not been published), from an assumed per capita income derived from comparisons with neighbouring or similar

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Note by the Executive Secretary (cont.)

countries (figures shown with an asterisk and underlined).

- (ii) Care was taken to ensure comparability. When the definition differed from the adopted standard definition, adjustments were made on the basis of information available in official publications or supplied by governments.
 - (iii) The national income estimates for 1938 were converted into dollars at rates then current. National income estimates for 1946 were converted at rates then current for some countries; for all other countries the exchange rates were adjusted for over-valuation, estimated on the basis of price developments since 1938, as shown by official indices of cost of living or retail prices.
 - (iv) Some of these national income estimates should be regarded more in the nature of indications of the order of magnitude than as accurate figures.
- (d) Sources:
As noted above, and League of Nations and United Nations publications and files, national official statistics, and - more particularly for 1946 - telegraphic information from the various countries.
- (e) Signs Used:
... means "Not available".
- means "Nil or negligible".

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EXTERNAL TRADE, POPULATION AND NATIONAL INCOME

1938 and 1946

	POPULATION (millions)		EXTERNAL TRADE (million U.S. \$)		NATIONAL INCOME (million U.S. \$)		TRADE AS PER CENT OF NATIONAL INCOME		TRADE PER CAPITA U.S. \$	
	1938	1946	1938	1946	1938	1946	1938	1946	1938	1946
Afghanistan	12.0	12.0	44	...	376	470*	12	...	3.7	...
Albania	1.1	1.1*	11	...	80	90*	14	...	10.0	...
Argentina	13.0	15.8	881	1,753	2,034	4,706(1)	43	37	68	110
Australia	6.9	7.4	1,040	1,465	2,924	3,960	36	37	151	198
Austria	6.8	7.0	467*	471(6)	1,734	750	42	6	69	6.7
Belgium	8.4	8.4	See Belgo-Lux.	...	2,166	2,790	...	...	...	...
Belgo-Lux. (1)	8.7	8.7	1,325	1,766	2,235	2,884	59	61	152	203
Benelux:										
Metropole(2)	17.4	18.1	2,527	2,691	5,035	5,854	50	46	149	149
Netherlands Indies	68.4	75.3(19)	647	127*(19)	1,492	1,000*	43	13	9.5	1.7
Other territories:										
Belgian	14.1	14.6*	89	176*	120	750*	21	23	6.4	11.7
Netherlands (Curacao and Surinam)	0.3	0.3	401	554	20	40*	2,005	1,385	1,337	1,847
Total Benelux	100.2	108.3	3,664	3,548	6,968	7,644	53	47	37	33
Bolivia	3.3	3.8	61	125	130	180*	47	69	18	33
Brazil	39.4	46.7	592	1,652	1,300	3,345(1)	46	49	15	35
Bulgaria(3)	6.2	7.0	128	114.	680	840*	19	14	21	16
Burma	See under United Kingdom	See under United Kingdom	See U.S.S.R.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Byelorussian S.S.R. (3)	5.6	...	1,521	4,044	3,949	9,010	39	45	136	329
Canada(4)	11.1	12.3	See under United Kingdom	242	580	725*	42	58	53	78
Ceylon	4.6	5.4	242	424	580	725*	42	58	53	78

(1) Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union. Excluding trade with Netherlands (see footnote to Benelux). For Luxembourg's portion, other than trade (amount unknown), see Luxembourg.

(2) Trade figures exclude inter-trade of Benelux (Metropole), viz:

	1938	1946
Imports into Belgo-Lux. from Netherlands	71	51
Exports from Belgo-Lux. to Netherlands	88	49
Imports into Netherlands from Belgo-Lux.	88	114
Exports from Netherlands to Belgo-Lux.	58	63

The 1946 total import trade figures are said by the respective Governments to be undervalued: for Belgo-Luxembourg, by about 100-125 million dollars; for Netherlands, by about 60 million dollars. Further, for both countries, certain diamonds and postal trade are excluded.

(3) Territorial changes.
(4) Imports are valued f.o.b.

(5) Population, 1946: Comprising Java and Madura 52.5, Sumatra 10.0, Borneo 2.5, East Indonesia 10.0, New Guinea 0.5.

LEGS, 1946: Areas under Netherlands control only; July-December only.
NATIONAL INCOME, 1938: Comprising Java and Madura 933, Outer Provinces (i.e., Rest of Netherlands Indies) 538, unallocated 22.

(6) Control Commission estimates 60 (imports of coal said to be undervalued).

(7) Nearest year available.

* Wholly or

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1938 and 1946

	POPULATION (millions)		EXTERNAL TRADE (million U.S. \$)		NATIONAL INCOME (million U.S. \$)	TRADE AS PER CENT OF NATIONAL INCOME		TRADE PER CAPITA U.S. \$	
	1938	1946	1938	1946		1938	1946	1938	1946
China: (1)	450.0	455.6	936	---	7,900	12	---	2.1	---
Manchuria	38.3	34.0	514	---	8,300*	12	---	14	---
Rest of China	411.7	421.6	422	764	7,900	{	---	1.0	1.8
Colombia	8.7	10.3	170	431	6,500	27	35	20	42
Costa Rica	0.6	0.8	22	47	80*	40	59	37	59
Cuba (2)	4.2	5.0	248	783	480	51	109	59	157
Czechoslovakia (3)	14.6	13.1	646*	490	2,000	31	21	43	38
Denmark	3.8	4.1	687	926	1,270	54	47	181	226
Dominican Republic (2)	1.6	2.1	26	93	200	29	72	16	44
Ecuador	2.9	3.3	20	63	700	28	52	6.9	19
Egypt	16.3	18.8	331	611	1,100	30	35	21	32
Eire	2.9	3.0	320	446	750	43	46	110	149
El Salvador	See Salvador, El								
Ethiopia (3) (4)	9.5*	15.0	32*	42	400	7	6	3.4	2.8
Finland (3)	3.7	3.9	364	348	650	58	67	98	89
France:									
Metropole	41.1	40.7	2,198	2,812 (6)	10,000	22	24	54	69
Colonies, etc	67.1	75.0	862	1,286	2,010	43	34	13	17
Total France	108.2	115.7	3,060	4,094	12,010	25	26	28	36
Greece	7.1	7.4	221	136	500	39	30	31	18
Guatemala	3.0	3.6	37	73	100	37	49	12	20
Haiti	3.0	3.5	15	39	40	38	59	5.0	11.1
Honduras (2)	1.0	1.2	17	33	40	42	55	17	27
Hungary (3)	9.1	9.3	277	67	1,020	27	8	30	7.2
Iceland	0.1	0.1	24	113	25	96	141	240	1,130
India (incl. Pakistan)	375.3	411.5	1,194	1,490	7,710	15	10	3.2	3.6
Indonesian Republic	See Netherlands Indies, under Benelux								
Iran	15.0	17.0	242	424	900	27	30	16	25
Iraq	3.7	4.8	85 (5)	216 (5)	270	31	54	23	45

(1) Trade figures exclude trade between Manchuria and the rest of China. The 1946 trade figure is taken from the Far Eastern Economic Review, of March 26, 1947.

(2) Imports are valued f.o.b.

(3) Territorial changes.

* Wholly or partly estimated.

(4) 1938 data from Italian and other foreign sources only.

(5) Of which, petroleum exports: 21% and 31% for 1938 and 1946 respectively.

(6) Of which, the imports are said (International Monetary Fund) to be undervalued by about 900-800 million dollars.

(7) Nearest year available.

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	POPULATION (millions)		EXTERNAL TRADE (million U.S. \$)		NATIONAL INCOME (billion U.S. \$)	TRADE AS PER CENT OF NATIONAL INCOME		TRADE PER CAPITA U.S. \$	
	1938	1946	1938	1946		1938	1946	1938	1946
Ireland	See Eire								
Italy(1)	43.8	45.4	1,146	758(16)	5.8	20	14	26	17
Lebanon	1.0	1.2	See Lebanon-Syria		5,444	...	...	...	...
Lebanon-Syria	3.0	4.2	53	139(17)	120*	20	36	18	33
Liberia	2.5	1.6	4	17	390*	10	28	1.6	10.6
Luxemburg	0.3	0.3	See Belgo-Lux.		60*	...	...	...	...
Mexico(2)	19.1	22.8	220	918	94*	...	...	...	...
Netherlands(3)	8.7	9.4	1,202	925	1,510(19)	19	61	12	40
New Zealand	1.6	1.8	442	544	2,970	43	31	138	98
Nicaragua(2)	1.0	1.1	9	26	1,070(19)	55	51	276	302
Norway	2.9	3.1	486	683	70*	18	37	9	24
Pakistan	See India				1,232	53	55	168	220
Panama(2)	0.5	0.6	22	63	129(19)	44	49	44	105
Paraguay	1.0	1.2	19	48	60*	42	80	19	40
Peru	6.5	7.8	135	271	420*	56	65	21	37
Philippines(2)	15.8	19.1	248	359	600	50	60	16	19
Poland(1)	34.8	23.9	472(4)	272	500(	50	60	16	19
Portugal:					3,300	14	12	13	11
Metropole	7.5	8.2	151	453	2,300	14	12	13	11
Colonies	10.2	11.8	85	224*	1,250*	20	37	20	56
Total Portugal	17.7	20.0	236	683	305*	28	36	8.3	19.0
Roumania(1)	19.8	16.5	294	...	1,880*	22	36	13	34
Salvador, El	1.7	2.0	19	46	1,500*	21	...	15	...
Saudi Arabia	4.5*	6.0	18*(5)	84*(5)	80*	34	58	11	23
					230*	11	37	4.0	14.0

- (1) Territorial changes.
 (2) Imports are valued f.o.b.
 (3) Trade figures exclude trade with Belgo-Luxemburg (see Benelux).
 (4) External trade of Poland - Danzig Customs Union. Danzig's 1938 population was 0.4 million.
 (5) Of which, petroleum exports: nil* and 47* for 1938 and 1946 respectively.

* Wholly or partly estimate.

- (6) From Banco d'Italia, Report of 31.11.47 (Banco di Roma: Review of the Economic Conditions in Italy, May 1947, pp. 143 ff.).
 (7) Of which, imports 100 (whereof, Lebanon 68 - Beirut cable of 6.X.47).
 (8) January-June 1947 was 38 (Bank of International Settlements, Report No. 177).
 (9) Nearest year available.

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	POPULATION (millions)		EXTERNAL TRADE (million U.S. \$)		NATIONAL INCOME (million U.S. \$)		TRADE AS PER CENT OF NATIONAL INCOME		TRADE PER CAPITA U.S. \$	
	1938	1946	1938	1946	1938	1946	1938	1946	1938	1946
Siam	14.8	18.1	135	96	500	730*	27	13	9.0	5.3
Southern Rhodesia	See under United Kingdom									
Sweden	6.3	6.7	986	1,525	2,710	4,560	36	33	156	228
Switzerland	4.2	4.5	668	1,425	1,880	3,270*	36	44	159	317
Syria	2.0	3.0	See Lebanon-Syria		180	270*	...	...	...	...
Transjordan	0.3	0.4*	11*	...	20	35*	55	...	37	...
Turkey	17.1	19.0	234	332	1,350*	2,030*	17	16	14	17
Ukrainian S.S.R. (1)	31.0	...	See U.S.S.R.		...	...	...	...	...	...
Union of South Africa	11.0 (4)	12.5 (4)	634	1,241	1,770	2,520 (6)	36	49	58	99
South-West Africa (2)	0.3	0.3	29	66	10*	15*	290	440	97	220
U.S.S.R. (1) (3)	176.1	192.0*	723	1,705*	...	...	...	...	4.1	8.9
United Kingdom										
Metropole	47.5	49.2	7,034	9,118	23,100	32,500	30	28	147	186
Burma	16.0	17.0	257	135	340*	500*	76	27	16	7.9
Ceylon	5.8	6.7	183	398	200*	280*	92	142	32	59
S. Rhodesia (2)	1.4	1.7	65	127	40*	60*	162	212	46	75
Other territories	61.0	69.0	1,881	2,987	1,830*	3,400*	103	88	31	43
Total United Kingdom	131.7	143.6	9,420	12,765	25,510	36,740	37	35	71	89
U. S. A. (2)	132.1 (5)	143.9 (5)	5,054	13,994 (7)	67,400	178,200	7	8	38	97
Uruguay	2.1	2.3	123	301	210*	320*	59	94	59	131
Venezuela (2)	3.4	4.3	266 (6)	705	360*	650*	74	108	78	164
Yemen	1.6*	1.7*	9*	...	40*	65*	22	...	...	...
Yugoslavia (1)	15.4	14.8	231	...	1,080	890*	21	...	15	...

(1) Territorial changes.

(2) Imports are valued f.o.b.

(3) Including Yugoslavian and Ukrainian S.S.R. and, for 1938, also Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (excluding their trade with one another and with the U.S.S.R.).

(4) Including Basutoland, Bechuanaland and Swaziland.

(5) Including Alaska, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Hawaii.

* Wholly or partly estimated.

(6) Revised figures (for petroleum originally over-valued).

(7) The lend-lease exports excluded were 6%, destined as follows: Australia 4, Belgium 4 1/2, China 2 1/2, France 20 1/2, Algerie 9, French Morocco 4, India 7, Italy 3 1/2, Netherlands 2 1/2, United Kingdom 1 1/2, U.S.S.R. 15 1/2, Other countries 2 1/2. It would appear that about one-fourth of this was "straight" lend-lease (cf. Foreign Commerce Weekly, 22-1111-47, pp. 10 ff., and 27-1X-47, p. 10).

(8) Nearest year available.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

I. UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

The export values (f.a.s.) of U.N.R.R.A. shipments from all countries in 1946, as reported by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Washington, were (in million U.S.A. dollars):

<u>Destinations</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Destinations</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Destinations</u>	<u>Value</u>
Albania	8	Ethiopia	0.2	Philippines	5
Austria	101	Finland	2	Poland	260
Byelorussian S.S.R.	43	Greece	137	Ukrainian S.S.R.	140
China	243	Hungary	3	Yugoslavia	173
Czechoslovakia	117	Italy	284	Dodecanese	4
				TOTAL-	<u>1,520</u>

Note: The 1946 import values of U.N.R.R.A. deliveries, as far as available, were, according to the importing countries:

Austria 66; China 295; Italy 380; Other countries ...

II. EXPORTS (DOMESTIC PRODUCE) OF NON-BANKING GOLD AND SILVER BULLION IN 1938 AND 1946, BY DESTINATIONS

Million U.S.A. dollars

Country	Total		Destinations	
	1938	1946	1938	1946
Australia	1	87 ⁽¹⁾	Ceylon	...
Benelux:				
Netherlands Indies	2	...	Netherlands	...
Belgian Congo	12	...	Belgium	...
Canada	75	91	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Colombia	11	-	U.S.A.	-
India (incl. Pakistan)	3	...	U.K.	...
Indonesian Republic	<u>See "Netherlands Indies", under Benelux.</u>			
Mexico	72	28	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Nicaragua	2	7	U.S.A.	U.S.A.
Philippines	30	-	U.S.A.	-
Union of South Africa	233	376	U.K.	U.K. (2)
United Kingdom:				
S. Rhodesia	27	19	U.K.	U.K. (2)
Gold Coast	21	22	U.K.	U.K. (2)
Nigeria	1	...	U.K.	...
Venezuela	5	1	U.K. 3; U.S.A. 2	U.S.A.

(1) Including coin and monetary bullion (amount unknown).
(2) Assumed destination.