

CHAPTER 7

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Preamble

The following is not a compilation of the several recommendations made by the Symposium. It is, in the strict sense of the term, a summary; and its aim is to reflect the emphasis which the Symposium placed on a concern with fundamental principles and directions for thought and action.

Indeed the following compendium is but an elaboration of the basic exhortation that the fundamental concern of the governments and people of the Commonwealth Caribbean should be the structural transformation of the economy and the elimination of poverty - through the establishment of patterns of production and demand that would maximise the employment-creating potential of the economy while simultaneously providing fairer shares for all.

Digest of Recommendations

1. The Regional Perspective Plan should not be enunciated in terms of growth rates in GNP, but should be expressed in relation to satisfying specific essential needs and the creation of employment opportunities; and should include an operational dimension embodying Regional programmes and projects that are amenable to early implementation.
2. The Regional Food Plan should be immediately implemented.
3. A special policy on import controls should be devised to encourage the replacement of imported food.
4. Attention should be given to instituting land re-distribution, improved systems of husbandry, and the development of effective and efficient marketing facilities.
5. Regional facilities should be established for training in fisheries and should be supplemented by adequate extension services.

6. Rural development should be pursued as a major component of overall development and should involve every aspect of rural life and the rural economy.
7. More attention should be given, on a Regional basis, to accelerating the development of the LDC's especially through the provision of expertise and developmental capital.
8. There should be an intensification of the programmes for restructuring formal and non-formal education, and youth programmes ought to be made an important agency in the total mobilisation of the human resources towards the overall development effort.