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Sir,

I have the honour to present to you the Investigations into the Margin between Producers' and Consumers' Prices of certain Foodstuffs, which is the first volume of the series of the Institute's Contributions to the Study of the Problem of Nutrition, undertaken in response to the initiative of the League of Nations (Mixed Committee on the Problem of Nutrition).

The present Report, in Part I, contains a brief general survey of the problem in its various aspects on the basis of the information collected and studied for a certain number of countries. Part II of the Report contains an exposition of the inquiries made and of the results obtained in the investigation of price spreads in the different countries. The countries for which it has been possible to collect and to present information are Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

It is hoped that, though the material available is rather scarce, and is somewhat lacking in uniformity, this inquiry will throw some light upon a highly important problem, which, though often discussed, has seldom been thoroughly investigated.

The Report was prepared by the Bureau of Economic and Social Studies, under the direction of its Chief, Dr. G. PAVLOVSKY, and was drawn up by Mr. A. EMANUEL, Rédacteur of the said Bureau.

Very faithfully yours,

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Secretary General.

To His Excellency
Professor GIACOMO ACERBO,
Baron of ATERNO,
President
of the International Institute of Agriculture

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