

"Without controls in the consuming countries," Mr. Reeves submits, "there is no guarantee that the same thing would not happen again and so undermine a producers' only agreement."

Meanwhile, it has been pointed out that imports of green coffee into Europe during 1971 amounted to 27 million bags. This is about 300,000 bags short of the record 1970 intake of 27.3 million bags. This was the first time in the past 14 years that a year-to-year increase did not occur—and only the second time in the past 25 years.

### Green Coffee Imports

European green coffee imports currently amount to about five times the import of 1946 and over twice the volume of an average year immediately prior to World War II. The trend of green coffee inflow to individual countries was mixed during the past year.

The Pan-American Coffee Bureau's "Annual Coffee Statistics—1971" reveals that West Germany and the United Kingdom each increased their green imports by more than a quarter of a million bags. Increases in excess of 200,000 bags were reported by France, Netherlands and Italy. Sizable gains were also attributed to Belgium, Austria and Portugal.

Finland imported almost a million bags less in the current year than last year. Other countries showing losses were Spain, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. On balance, the Eastern European countries and other countries of Europe showed losses for 1971 compared with 1970.

### Division of Market

The coffee producing countries of the Western Hemisphere supplied 64 percent of the European market in 1971. The African producers' share was 31 percent, while Asian growers accounted for a five percent share of the European market. The volume of Robustas in European coffee offtake decreased to an estimated 7.6 million bags during 1971. That quantity represented 28.1 percent of all green coffee imported that year.

Member countries of the European Economic Community imported 15.7 million bags of green coffee or about 58 percent of the total for Europe. The Federal Republic of Germany was the largest importer in Europe accounting for over five million bags or 20 percent of the total.

France ranked second taking more than four million bags or 16 percent of the aggregate. The Scandinavian countries received 3.5 million bags of green coffee or 13 percent of the European total. Countries in this group invariably set the green coffee imports per capita standard for the world.

Per capita green coffee imports for Sweden were 27.7 pounds and Denmark 25.5 pounds. However, Scandinavian imports have eased and, consequently, per capita green pounds of intake have declined.

Eastern European countries ac-

counted for nine percent of total green coffee imports into Europe. Their 1971 volume exceeded 2.3 million bags. Imports of green coffee into the United Kingdom were placed at 1.8 million bags or 6.6 percent of 1971 European imports.

### Spain and Portugal

Spain and Portugal, accounted for almost 1.4 million bags, or 5.2 percent of the total. The remaining countries of Europe imported 2.2 million bags or eight percent of the total.

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