

### Monthly sales of coconut products for the second half of 1970

Month	Copra (Tons)	Oil (Tons)	Desiccated coconuts (pounds)
July	14,469	7,474	11,716,895
August	15,008	6,319	13,347,302
September	14,504	8,025	12,301,095
October	13,014	4,985	10,860,695
November	10,242	4,132	10,978,672
December	9,484	7,098	9,916,000

Source: Ceylon Coconut Board.

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### THE GREAT LEAP FORWARD?

Much has been said in recent years of those technical improvements hailed as the "Green Revolution". As a journal largely—but not solely—concerned with improvements in the practice and science of agriculture it would be natural for us to join those who claim the Green Revolution as the great leap forward which will put resources ahead of population.

Nothing would please us more than to be able to do this, but the unpleasant truth is that, phenomenal though the development of the new high-yielding cereal is, we will need such technical developments as say, IR 8 with ever-increasing frequency if resources are to match population. Even then such developments would be in themselves inadequate unless they were to be applied under optimum conditions of planning and investment.

Technical progress alone cannot constitute a "Green Revolution"—however dramatic it is—in the context of South East Asia and it is self-deception to believe it can.

The exploitation of technical progress, not just in plant breeding but in agricultural engineering, cultural methods, harvesting and distribution can achieve something if it is integrated.

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