

5 Caribbean Countries Approve Red-Bloc Trade

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MIAMI, Feb. 20—The Caribbean Commonwealth countries agreed recently on the necessity for a "new pattern of world trade that recognizes a developing country's need to do business wherever it can."

This view reflects approval of Britain's position that trade with Cuba and other Communist countries should be developed both as a necessity and as a tool for easing the cold war.

British Guiana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados expressed it by saying that "differences between the economic and social systems of countries should not prevent developing countries from taking advantage of expanding markets for trade."

It was moderate but firm

language, apparently designed to see whether they can tread a line that would lead them to greatly needed new trade without angering the United States and possibly upsetting equally needed aid projects.

Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago are independent now, and the expressions by British Guiana and Barbados were intended to represent principles upon which their foreign policies would be based if they gained their independence.

The trade principle was one of eight agreed upon by these governments at a recent meeting in Kingston, Jamaica. The same group previously met last July, when they discussed the idea of a Caribbean common market.