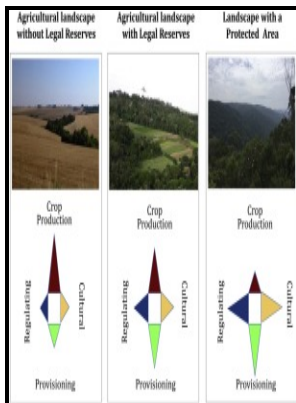


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In the postwar period, various models emphasizing economic variables were promoted.

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The countries in the region have been hampered in developing this cadre by the lack of financial resources to retain a significant number of high-level scientists, insufficiently developed postgraduate programs, and limited supplies of up-to-date laboratory equipment.

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The second factor is that fundamental progress in the new technologies requires resources beyond what is generally devoted to science and technology. TABLE 4 Percentage Share of Military Programs in the Government Research and Development Budget of Selected Countries
Country 1961 1976 United States 71 50 United Kingdom 65 48 France 44 30 Federal Republic of Germany 22 11 Japan 4 2 SOURCE: Norman 1981. The present international situation, then, presages change for the future.

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In the developed countries, labor displaced in producing final consumer goods is reabsorbed in producing the new advanced production equipment. Third, technological development should not be concentrated in a few sectors since that dooms the other sectors to obsolescence in a free international market.

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The continued structural unemployment in the countries of the region perpetuates low wages and a small domestic market. Moreover, these countries must develop a strong domestic scientific base in order to best utilize these advanced technologies.

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The economic weight of all developing countries, Latin American and Caribbean countries in particular, has hardly increased at all in the last quarter century. The gross domestic product of the United States, the Soviet Union, or Japan is 1,000 times larger than those of the small countries of the world, and up to 10,000 times larger than those of the smallest national economies.

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