17 The Balance of Foreign Trade

Analogy betweeen BFT and New Fixed Investment in both cases rates current production exceed the sum of the rates of current consumption and of capital replacement-mainten in both cases there results pure surplus income: income that can be spent ondly on investment (otherwise inflation) Meracantilism: excess export equals import of gold hence increase of stock of money hence possibility of expansion additional surplus income many attractive features in surplus expansion it increased rate of pure surplus in depressions it tended to cancel the rate of losses that otherwise would appear it tended to prevent the occurrence of such losses they arise because basic increasing more rapidly than surplus hence rate of pure surplus decreasing rate of aggregate savings has to decrease unprovided for, hence contraction and liquidations explains both XIXth century practice and theory practice, because basic stage covered over by favorable balance instead of basic expansion, export eithr basic or surplus product theory, because cycle covered over in part, crises regarded as incidental complexes of relatively arbtrary events Juglar first to demonstrate cyclic character of crises Juglar (1819-1905) "., as to talent and command of scientific method, must be regarded aming the greatest economists of all times" Sch&umpeter 1123" 1852: published "Les crses commerciales et leur retour périodique en France, en Angleterre, et aux Etats Unis" 1840 J gave up practice of medicine for economics research. Movement witheconomy enjoying favorabe balance Exporters move from redistributive function f%! to basic demand and fZ" tosurplus demand fZ' increases basic price spread which goes as surplus to S" fZ" goes as surplus to S" Such surplus may be used to finance foreign importer: to set up

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financial imperialism; ie foreign debt means interest and amoritzat Financing foreign importer enables him to pay exporter

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