

BRAZIL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM FOOD COUNCIL

LONDON, July 21.—The distribution of rice in Malaya and other Far Eastern countries would be affected by the withdrawal of Brazil from the International Emergency Food Council, Mr W. Fletcher (Cons) said in the House of Commons today.

Brazilian rice was being dealt with in large quantities in other countries within the IEFC and the result of this withdrawal must be disastrous, he declared.

Mr Strachey, Minister of Food, replied that Brazilian rice formed about 10 per cent of the world's export estimates. The matter was serious, but he would not say it was disastrous so long as all other member countries continued to abide by their IEFC allocation.

When Mr Fletcher said that there were 250,000 tons of rice involved and that that must result in supplies of rice from Burma and Siam not flowing into the IEFC, Mr Strachey said he could not admit that that must be the result, but any withdrawal would have a bad effect