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WHAT'S AHEAD IN BUSINESS? Large Order. Brother, you and soon nothing yet. Trologice for own in made Review

Introduction

- Industry and finance in time of war
- Immediate post-war prospects
- The economic possibilities of our grandchildren

I. Industry and Finance in Time of War

1. In physical terms

Industrial production for war and for civilians

Year	Total	Civilian	War
1932	58	58	0
1935-1939	100	100	0
July 1939	106	n ata jaka '	
July 1940	123		
July 1943	239	72	167

Despite 8-10 million in the armed forces.

2. In monetary terms

National income and Government finance in billions of dollars

National Income			Federal	
Year	Current \$	1929 🖫	Expenditures	
1932	40.0	51.3	5•4	
1939	70.8	87.3	9.5	
1942	117.0	123.0	56. 0	
1943	144.0	144.0	86.	
1944			104.	

- 3. The achievement of balance
 - A. Physical factors are basic. Finance must adjust itself.
 - a. Taxes and loans out of current income
 - b. Bank purchases
 - B. The decision is up to us our actions
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II. Immediate Post-war Prospects

- Some prospects that are reasonably certain
 - Taxation Α.

B.

Permanently higher level Pre-war expenditures \$4-6 billion Post-war interest charge alone \$4-6 bill Armed forces - 2 million men - 5 6 Prices 815 hele on Distribution of the system

Probably higher than in the 1930's Deposit structure

C. Post-war demand

Deferred demand will be large.

Currency in circulation up from \$5 to \$19 billion Deposits War bonds

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F. Relationship between Retail Sales and Disposable due & individuals

2. Post-war goal (natur / fraction)

In general a high level of productive employment

B• In quantitative terms

Year	Civilian labor force	Employed	Armed forces	Unemployed
1932	50.9	37.3	•3	13.6
1939	54.6	44.2	-4	10.4
1942	54.5	51.9	4.2	2.6
1946?	57.5	55.5	1.9	2.0

3. A war versus a peace economy

A question of markets In war: Government buys In peace: Who will buy what?

4. Production creates markets

- A. General analysis
- The "hitch": the individual employer versus all employers
- 5. The challenge

The Economic Possibilities of our Grandchildren

- 1. Why discuss
 - What are we fighting for?
- Invention and output per man-hour 2.

A. The facts

Output per man-hour (in 1939 \$) \$2 in 1923 and almost \$4 in 1943 3% compounded in industry 1.2% compounded in agriculture

B. The explanation

- a. Invention is a one-way movement
 Variations among industries
- b. A new invention: the discovery of latent abilities

3. Our grandchildren in 1983

- A. If output per man-hour doubles every 20 years, our grandchildren's options will be
 - a. Real incomes 4 times ours
 - Real incomes 2 times ours plus a 20-hour week
 - Same real income as ours on a 10-hour week
- B. Will there be any problems?
 - a. What to do with leisure

IV. The part of the Federal Reserve System

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42 32,397

43 78.179

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