

Hour's Work Will Double In Value

An hour's work will be worth twice as much to the American worker by 1980 if the country merely maintains the same rate of progress it has averaged over the last 50 years.

That's the hopeful prospect held out by the Research and Policy Committee of the Committee for Economic Development (CED) in an analysis of past gains and future possibilities of raising the standard of living.

The CED, a non-profit, non-political organization of businessmen and educators, is devoted to objective research and education on major problems of the nation's economy. It's Research and Policy Committee has just issued its latest long-range Statement on National Policy. This one deals with "How to Raise Real Wages."

Pointing out that "real wages are what money wages can buy," the committee noted that "the problem of raising the standard of living of wage earners is primarily one of raising real wages."

"In the last 50 years real wages per hour in the United States have increased more than three-fold. Today the average employee receives about \$1.35 an hour. Back in 1900 the average was about 43 cents an hour in terms of 1949 prices. This represents an increase of approximately 2.5 per cent per manhour per year," the CED committee said. "Allowing for changes in prices, an hour's work of an average employee today can buy more than three times as much in goods and services as an hour of work 50 years ago."

The committee cited additional gains in "real income" in advances in industrial power, transportation, manufacturing and distribution, development of new products and processes, and in lei-

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sure. The committee said, however, that the gains in real wages should not becloud the fact that many persons still have very small earnings and present special problems.

"It ought to be possible to raise real wages in the future as rapidly as in the past," the committee said. To double the average worker's real wages in slightly less than 30 years means, the committee said, raising output per manhour, keeping people steadily at work, and also seeing to it that jobs increase as fast as new workers join the labor force.

Noting that 50 years ago output per manhour (in terms of 1949 dollars) was about 51 cents, and today is about \$1.83, the committee said that further increase in manhour output and in real wages will have to be brought about by the same four means used in the past, namely, constant improvement in production processes, increased investment per worker, better health, training and skill of workers, and better management. The committee added a new factor, "more interested workers."

The committee outlined ten steps toward its objectives: (1) Stabilize industrial growth and avoid serious business recessions; (2) reduce seasonal unemployment; (3) improve the quality of new businesses and reduce their failures; (4) reform the tax system to make risk-taking more attractive; (5) stimulate more rapid replacement of equipment; (6) increase the imports of the United States relative to its exports; (7) provide more employment for older people; (8) improve the incentives for efficiency among the rank and file of employees; (9) develop regular methods of drawing upon the knowledge and training of the labor force; and (10) abolish make-work rules and featherbedding.

(Full text of the policy statement is available on request to the Committee for Economic Development, 444 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.)

Japan Continues Drive On Reds

TOKYO, Japan, — Japanese police arrested three more Communists today on charges of circulating anti-occupation propaganda, bringing to 17 the number arrested since General Douglas MacArthur started a purge of the Communist party last week. Those arrested today were employees of the Japan Electric Company.

A backward area is one that hasn't a new subdivision.

Congress Hit For Causing Postal Deficit

WASHINGTON — Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson said yesterday Congress has only itself to blame for continued postal deficits and urged Congressmen to correct the situation instead of "kicking the department around."

He said the department is "surrounded by a maze of laws . . .

which prohibit sound regulations" and almost entirely fix its income and expenses. Wages set by Congress and other costs have risen steadily, he added, while postal rates remained almost unchanged. "With the passage of these laws you would think some action would be taken by the Congress to tell the Postmaster General where he would get the additional money or that some sanction would be placed upon a large deficit, instead of kicking the department around because of this deficit," he said.

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Grandmother Finishes High School In Calif.

Alhambra, Calif. — Graduating from high school is a big thing in anyone's life. So is becoming a grandmother. Both events happen in the same week for Mrs. Virginia Digna.

Mrs. Digna, 40, became a grandmother for the first time Sunday when her oldest boy, Richard 21, and his wife became parents of a baby boy.

Richard will graduate from Pasadena City College tonight but his mother can't attend. She and youngest son, Jim, 18, will be receiving diplomas at the graduation exercises at Mark Keppel High School.

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DEMOCRATS FELLOW AMERICANS

This June 24 we, the people of North Carolina, are privileged to select a man to represent our views in the government.

In the offset, our governor disregarded the wishes of the Democrat party when he appointed Mr. Graham to the unexpired term of the U. S. Senate. I take that as an insult.

Is it true that Mr. Graham has belonged to many subversive organizations? Is it true that Mr. Graham was president of the University of North Carolina and while holding that high office, there were a number of admitted communists in the college and on the campus? Is it true that Mr. Graham went to Washington as a "fair-dealer" and a "yes" man to Harry Truman? Is it true that Harry Truman wants F.E.P.C. enforced—the Brannan Farm Plan—and many socialist programs? Is it true that Mr. Graham is susceptible to acute spasms or sickness every time a bill that is of much importance to the South comes before the Senate? Is it true that Mr. Graham has straddled the fence on F.E.P.C. and believes in theory, but not force? Is it true that Forsyth County endorsed Mr. Graham, and why? Maybe the element, eh?

I used to think of the Democrat party of North Carolina working together, as a colony of bees, for the benefit of all. But against the will of many Democrats, the Governor is trying to push a man to the Senate who has theories not in keeping with the American way of life.

In comparing the Democrat party to a colony of bees, we have allowed termites, parasites, socialists, tumble bugs, and leeches to invade our colony. Evidently the boss bee or politician does not recognize the foreign element that is in our government.

Not boasting of my usefulness to the party—I believe in making honey when the flow is on. I'm not a bumble bee—but I'm a worker for the party. I hope our party members will regain their sight and boost the termites and tumble bugs from the throne. If I know politicians, there are too many drones in our hive, too.

Dear Voter — did we support the 200 million dollar road bond for the betterment of our people? Was it supposed to be used for vote grabbers? Do you think it is being used impartially in Reddies River Township? Was the Elk Creek Road built for peoples transportation, or a few big lumber men? Is it true that Mr. Goforth is making promises to the voters, if they'll go along with Graham? Is it true that the chairman in some of the townships are hiring unnecessary men in order to get their vote? Is it true that about 125 million dollars of the allocated 200 million for building roads is spent? Is it true that Mr. Goforth is promising plenty of roads in 1951—that is if all goes right politically? Do you believe Mr. Goforth will resign after the primary? If not, how can he face the people?

Mr. Voter: Will You be tolled in on a promise of getting a road or holding a job? I'm sure I won't!

You and I know that perfection has not been reached in man or either of our political parties. Along with our privilege, we should think seriously, not of Mr. Smith or Mr. Graham, but the principle for which they stand. We need a man to uphold the principles that made this country great. I believe such a man can keep this country the most powerful country under the sun.

Mr. Smith is an able lawyer. Mr. Smith is well, physically. Mr. Smith has stated his views emphatically, and he — Mr. Smith — will uphold the rights of the people. We need a man that will work with our great senator, Honorable Clyde R. Hoey—and not criticize as Mr. Graham did.

If we are to follow the lines of England—who are we to lean on? Why did France fall? Maybe too many isms. Why did Rome burn? Too much fiddling, I think

What will keep this country great? Work, sweat, maybe blood, and plenty of guts. The kind our forefathers had. Something for nothing is myth to me. Mr. Graham's campaign reminds me of the fable of Little Red Riding Hood.

Why so much dissention among our people in the state and nation? Ism, ism! Ism going to pass the F.E.P.C! Ism going to build him a road in 1951? Ism going to get a job with the state? And what ism going to get out of this?

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