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FOREWORD

This is a guidebook for the study of the titanic economic developments of the war and of postwar problems which will grow out of them. It does not give the answers to the problems nor even describe them in detail. It is not written by or for the specialist or technician. But it does attempt to tell the average citizen what has happened to our economy in war and what the chief issues of the coming peace are likely to be—and why. And it seeks to guide him in his own study and in discussion with his friends and colleagues. It is designed to be especially helpful to groups and individuals interested in exploring the future, a future charged as never before with uncertainty, danger and—hope.

Most of the material for this manual was gathered by the contributors, members of the Fund staff, whose names appear on the title page. The material came from outside sources believed to be reliable, not from research conducted by the Fund itself. Drafts of the various sections, however, were reviewed by authorities in the several fields covered and have been revised in the light of their criticism. To all those who co-operated in this genuinely co-operative venture goes the appreciation of the Fund and of the Editor.

One of our chief difficulties in the preparation of this book has been to keep up with the headlong rush of history. Each day's news has added to what should be covered and has outdated pages already written. By December 1942, however—a year after the United States entered the war—when most of the contents was written, the most drastic and far-reaching changes in our economic life had probably already taken place or their broad outline could be made out. Measurements within these patterns, however, must be revised from week to week. All we could do in this volume was to reproduce what the kaleidoscope of details showed as of the end of 1942.

This book is one of several efforts which the Fund is making to assist the people of the United States to come to grips with the problems of the postwar period.

In the publication of a series of books by Stuart Chase, entitled "When the War Ends," the Fund is seeking to fire the popular imagination with the challenge which the peace will bring to the people of the United States—the greatest opportunity in our history to utilize our incomparable resources of plant and man power to raise the standards of living of us all. Two of these books have been published: *The Road We Are Traveling: 1914-1942* (April 1942) and *Goals for America: A Budget of Our Needs and Resources* (November 1942). Four others are in preparation: *Where's the Money Coming From?* (Summer 1943) and three subsequent volumes—on problems of our postwar foreign commerce; the place of the farmer, worker, and businessman in postwar America; and on winning the peace.

The Fund is also publishing a series of directories of government and private agencies active in the field of postwar planning. These volumes summarize the facts as to the purpose, setup, activities and personnel of those organizations operating on a national scale. The second of this series, *Postwar Planning in the United States: An Organization Directory, 2* is now being published. The Fund has also commissioned Lewis L. Lorwin to write a report, for publication later in 1943, summarizing the postwar plans of the United Nations.

All of these publications are outside the Fund's regular pattern of more extended research and policy reports on current and controversial economic problems. A major investigation of this kind is now under way, under the direction of J. Frederic Dewhurst, dealing with the probable needs and demands for goods and services in the postwar period in relation to the resources that will be available—both human and material.

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"We must have just as effective a preparedness for peace as for war. Part of the failure to win the peace last time was because we listened to the slogan of 'Win the war first and discuss peace afterwards.'"—HERBERT HOOVER before the Chicago Executives' Club, December 16, 1942

"The problems of peace are already at hand, for in very truth they are inherent in the conflict. When the juggernaut of war comes to rest, it may be too late to know what we are fighting for. Therefore, it is the time to plan for peace since the kind of life that we will live, the opportunities that we will enjoy, the service that we will render, are what we are fighting for."—HENRY J. KAISER before the Congress of American Industry, December 4, 1942

Appendix

READING REFERENCES

Below is a list of books, pamphlets and articles, referred to in the text, which are suggested for those who wish to read further on the subjects covered by this manual. The references are here arranged alphabetically. They are classified by subjects as they are referred to in the text. If you want to find out which of these references cover the subject of taxation, for example, you should look up the numbers listed at the end of the subsection on Taxation in the Finance section.

This list does not pretend to cover more than a small part of the literature bearing on postwar problems. It contains only those sources which are at the same time the most suitable for the general reader and reliable. In a few cases, more technical reference books are listed; but these are always indicated by an asterisk.

For those readers who want to know about all the literature which deals with postwar problems, a list of bibliographies on the subject is given on page 135. Continuing sources of information on postwar problems are listed on page 134 and a list of directories of organizations in the field is given on page 136.

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