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Report for 1942

The broad objectives of post-war planning for full employment, higher living standards and economic security are outlined in this report of the National Resources Planning Board, transmitted to Congress by the President, January 14, 1942, and made available in complete, printed form, March 29.

The report contains three parts: Part I, War-Time and Post-War Planning; Part II, Functional Development Policies; Part III, Public Works Policies. Appendix material covers the subject of Trends of National Income, Employment and Consumption.

Stressing "a greater freedom for the American people" as the ultimate aim of all war-time planning efforts, the introduction to the report states: "Great changes have come in our century with the industrial revolution, the rapid settlement of the continent, the development of technology, the acceleration of transportation and communication, the growth of modern capitalism, and the rise of the national state with its economic programs. Too few corresponding adjustments have been made in our provisions for human freedom. In spite of all these changes, that great manifesto, the Bill of Rights, has stood unshaken a hundred and fifty years. And now to the old freedoms we must add new freedoms and restate our objectives in modern terms.

"Freedom of speech and expression, freedom to worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear, these are the universals of human life.

"Any new declaration of personal rights, any translation of freedom into modern terms applicable to the people of the United States here and now must include:

1. The right to work, usefully and creatively through the productive years.
2. The right to fair pay, adequate to command the necessities and amenities of life in exchange for work, ideas, thrift, and other socially valuable service;
3. The right to adequate food, clothing, shelter, and medical care;
4. The right to security, with freedom from fear of old age, want, dependency, sickness, unemployment, and accident;
5. The right to live in a system of free enterprise, free from compulsory labor, irresponsible private power, arbitrary public authority, and unregulated monopolies;
6. The right to come and go, to speak or to be silent, free from the spyings of secret political police;
7. The right to equality before the law, with equal access to justice in fact;
8. The right to education, for work, for citizenship, and for personal growth and happiness; and
9. The right to rest, recreation, and adventure; the opportunity to enjoy life and take part in an advancing civilization.

"These rights and opportunities we in the United States want for ourselves and for our children now and when this war is over. They go beyond the political forms and freedoms for which our ancestors fought and which they handed on to us, because we live in a new world in which the central problems arise from new pressures of power, production, and population, which our forefathers did not face."