

The problems encountered in area redevelopment in some instances do overlap with dislocations caused by a rise in competitive imports following a lowering of trade barriers. But these problems for the most part affect a far larger portion of the county's labor force and productive capacity. Appropriate measures for area development, moreover, are being carried out irrespective of what steps are taken to cope with the problems of trade adjustment. Therefore, it appears advisable to concentrate a program of assistance in trade adjustment on the individual business firm, in the manner exemplified by the Reuss bill, rather than specifically to include in trade adjustment legislation measures designed for direct relief of committees and workers. The program, even though of a narrower scope, should have a wider coverage than the Reuss bill, and assistance under it should certainly not be limited to preferential treatment in Government procurement.

In the next chapter, the component elements of a trade adjustment program focused on the individual firm will be discussed in greater detail.