

Mr. HAGEDORN. I believe the Bureau of Labor Statistics has compiled figures on defense-oriented industries.

Senator MILLER. I understand.

Mr. HAGEDORN. You can't pick out particular people who are working on defense jobs.

Senator MILLER. I am not talking about that. I am talking about the total employment. For example, manufacturer A, which happens to be a member of your association, and is a Defense contract type plant, let's say in 1963 they had a thousand employees. Today they have 4,000 employees. I would like to see how you come out and compare this to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' information.

My guess is that this favorable unemployment rate, which is shown especially for the last 2 years, would be very substantially affected by the numbers of people who have been added to the payrolls of defense-oriented plants, and I don't know where else to go to get this information, unless it is to your association, outside of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Do you have a feeling that the favorable unemployment rate shown in this last column in the last 2 or 3 years is attributable in some measure to the increased employment in Defense plants?

Mr. HAGEDORN. Oh, undoubtedly this has been one factor among many; yes.

Senator MILLER. I am very interested in knowing how big that factor is. I have reason to believe it's quite substantial, but I don't know where to get that verification unless it would be as I say from the Bureau of Labor Statistics or some association such as yours.

Mr. HAGEDORN. Well, I would think the Bureau of Labor Statistics would be able to provide you more detailed information than I could, Senator, because most of our members cooperate with the Bureau of Labor Statistics in providing them with monthly figures on employment, and so forth.

Senator MILLER. You are saying that we will have to rely exclusively on the Bureau of Labor Statistics and I will. I thought you might possibly be able to get some information together.

Mr. HAGEDORN. I don't think we could get anything more detailed than what they have on the defense-oriented industries. Incidentally, I see no reason for any lack of faith in the figures that they have prepared.

Senator MILLER. I have no reason to doubt the veracity of what they are putting out. My only question would be the coverage that they have, how accurate that is. It's like employment statistics. Nobody is questioning the truth of the unemployment statistics. We question the depth in which they go to arrive at the unemployment statistics. We have had extensive hearings under Senator Proxmire's leadership a couple of years ago.

Mr. HAGEDORN. I recall them, sir.

Senator MILLER. Which showed a lot of softness in unemployment statistics, and I am concerned about how hard these figures on increased employment in defense plants are. But my point is—and if you can shed any light on it, I would appreciate it—my point is that for somebody to trot out an unemployment statistics table and show that in the last 2 or 3 years we have had a very substantial decline in unemployment statistics, and then to jump from that observation to