

to continue on the course of freer world trade, and to strengthen productivity and competition in our industries.

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The Council's report also contains a detailed discussion of the international monetary system and of many proposals for further improvement in its operation. We hope our analysis will contribute to the careful and intensive dialog which must precede the adoption of any reforms.

Our report also analyzes the problem of poverty in our prosperous economy. The number of Americans below the poverty income line has declined from roughly 40 to 22 million between 1960 and 1968. We have a considerable way to go, but our recent progress certainly argues for redoubling our efforts rather than relaxing in the war on poverty. When we are at a position where 1 percent of our gross national product, if handed out individually to all the people who are poor, would be sufficient to bring them up to the poverty line, it seems a shame to have a continuing major blemish of poverty among 11 percent of our citizens.

Finally, let me point to the report of the Cabinet Coordinating Committee on Economic Planning for the End of Hostilities in Vietnam. It summarizes the studies made over the past 2 years to provide some guidance on how the Nation can best make the economic transition to peace. When that welcome day arrives, fiscal and monetary policy will be confronted by demanding challenges, but they should be equal to the task of promoting a reasonably smooth transfer of resources from the uses of war into the service of peace.

Thank you.

Chairman PATMAN. Thank you, sir.

Our next witness is Charles J. Zwick, Director of the Budget. We are glad to have you, sir, and you may proceed in your own way.

STATEMENT OF HON. CHARLES J. ZWICK, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

Mr. ZWICK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First, let me second the comments of my colleagues. I found the exchanges with this committee to be both productive and gracious. I think they were important to policy formulation, and in leaving, we leave with the greatest of respect for this committee.

I have a prepared statement, Mr. Chairman, but in the interest of time I would be happy to paraphrase it and submit it for the record, if acceptable.

Chairman PATMAN. Without objection, so ordered.

We will also include Secretary Barr's prepared statement in the record along with the supplementary materials.

Mr. ZWICK. I would like to make a few comments and work from a set of charts that you have labeled the "1970 Budget Charts." You have some charts also from the Treasury there if you can distinguish between them.

Chairman PATMAN. Would you like to have it in the record at this point?

Mr. ZWICK. Yes.

(The "1970 Budget Charts" referred to follow:)