

This PDF is a selection from an out-of-print volume from the National Bureau of Economic Research

Volume Title: The Study of Economic Growth

Volume Author/Editor: Solomon Fabricant

Volume Publisher: NBER

Volume URL: <http://www.nber.org/books/fabr59-2>

Publication Date: 1959

Chapter Title: Front matter to "The Study of Economic Growth"

Chapter Author: Solomon Fabricant

Chapter URL: <http://www.nber.org/chapters/c5225>

Chapter pages in book: (p. -9 - 0)

# **The Study of Economic Growth**

SOLOMON FABRICANT, *Director of Research*

**Thirty-ninth Annual Report**

**A Record for 1958 and Plans for 1959**

**National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.**

*devoted to ascertaining and presenting to the public important economic facts  
and their interpretation in a scientific and impartial manner*

*261 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.*

**COPYRIGHT, 1959, BY**  
**NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH, INC.**  
**261 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 16, N. Y.**  
**ALL RIGHTS RESERVED**  
**TYPOGRAPHY AND PRINTING BY WOODHAVEN PRESS CORP.**

**National Bureau of Economic Research. 2,006,819**

**The study of economic growth, by  
Solomon Fabricant. Thirty-ninth annual  
report; a record of 1958 and plans for 1959.**

**New York, 1959. (NBER, 39th Annual Report).**

**91 p.**

**1. U.S.—Economic conditions. 2. U.S.—  
Economic policy. 3. Economic research—U.S.**

**I. Fabricant, Solomon, 1906-      II. Title.**

**HC106.5.N34**

**MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY PUBLISHER.**



# **The National Bureau of Economic Research**

was organized in 1920 in response to a growing demand for objective determination of the facts bearing upon economic problems, and for their interpretation in an impartial manner. The National Bureau concentrates on topics of national importance that are susceptible of scientific treatment.

The National Bureau seeks not merely to determine and interpret important economic facts, but to do so under such auspices and with such safeguards as shall make its findings carry conviction to all sections of the nation.

No report of the Research Staff may be published without the approval of the Board of Directors. Rigid provisions guard the National Bureau from becoming a source of profit to its members, directors, or officers, and from becoming an agency for propaganda.

By issuing its findings in the form of scientific reports, entirely divorced from recommendations on policy, the National Bureau hopes to aid all thoughtful men, however divergent their views of public policy, to base their discussions upon objective knowledge as distinguished from subjective opinion.

The National Bureau assumes no obligation toward present or future contributors except to determine, interpret, and publish economic facts for the benefit of the nation at large, and to provide contributors with copies of its publications.

## **Relation of the Directors to the Work and Publications of the National Bureau of Economic Research**

1. The object of the National Bureau of Economic Research is to ascertain and to present to the public important economic facts and their interpretation in a scientific and impartial manner. The Board of Directors is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the work of the National Bureau is carried on in strict conformity with this object.

2. To this end the Board of Directors shall appoint one or more Directors of Research.

3. The Director or Directors of Research shall submit to the members of the Board, or to its Executive Committee, for their formal adoption, all specific proposals concerning researches to be instituted.

4. No report shall be published until the Director or Directors of Research shall have submitted to the Board a summary drawing attention to the character of the data and their utilization in the report, the nature and treatment of the problems involved, the main conclusions, and such other information as in their opinion would serve to determine the suitability of the report for publication in accordance with the principles of the National Bureau.

5. A copy of any manuscript proposed for publication shall also be submitted to each member of the Board. For each manuscript to be so submitted a special committee shall be appointed by the President, or at his designation by the Executive Director, consisting of three Directors selected as nearly as may be one from each general division of the Board. The names of the special manuscript committee shall be stated to each Director when the summary and report described in paragraph (4) are sent to him. It shall be the duty of each member of the committee to read the manuscript. If each member of the special committee signifies his approval within thirty days, the manuscript may be published. If each member of the special committee has not signified his approval within thirty days of the transmittal of the report and manuscript, the Director of Research shall then notify each member of the Board, requesting approval or disapproval of publication, and thirty additional days shall be granted for this purpose. The manuscript shall then not be published unless at least a majority of the entire Board and a two-thirds majority of those members of the Board who shall have voted on the proposal within the time fixed for the receipt of votes on the publication proposed shall have approved.

6. No manuscript may be published, though approved by each member of the special committee, until forty-five days have elapsed from the transmittal of the summary and report. The interval is allowed for the receipt of any memorandum of dissent or reservation, together with a brief statement of his reasons, that any member may wish to express; and such memorandum of dissent or reservation shall be published with the manuscript if he so desires. Publication does not, however, imply that each member of the Board has read the manuscript, or that either members of the Board in general, or of the special committee, have passed upon its validity in every detail.

7. A copy of this resolution shall, unless otherwise determined by the Board, be printed in each copy of every National Bureau book.

*(Resolution adopted October 25, 1926 and revised February 6, 1933 and February 24, 1941)*

# NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH

1959

## OFFICERS

George B. Roberts, *Chairman*  
Arthur F. Burns, *President*  
Theodore W. Schultz, *Vice-President*  
Murray Shields, *Treasurer*  
Solomon Fabricant, *Director of Research*  
Geoffrey H. Moore, *Associate Director of Research*  
William J. Carson, *Executive Director*

## DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Wallace J. Campbell, *Director, Cooperative League of the USA*  
Solomon Fabricant, *New York University*  
Gabriel Hauge, *Chairman, Finance Committee, Manufacturers Trust Company*  
Albert J. Hettinger, Jr., *Lazard Frères and Company*  
Oswald W. Knauth, *Beaufort, South Carolina*  
H. W. Laidler, *Executive Director Emeritus, League for Industrial Democracy*  
Shepard Morgan, *Norfolk, Connecticut*  
George B. Roberts, *Larchmont, New York*  
Beardsley Ruml, *New York City*  
Harry Scherman, *Chairman, Book-of-the-Month Club*  
Boris Shishkin, *American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations*  
George Soule, *Professor Emeritus, Bennington College*  
N. I. Stone, *Consulting Economist*  
J. Raymond Walsh, *New York City*  
Joseph H. Willits, *Director, The Educational Survey, University of Pennsylvania*  
Leo Wolman, *Columbia University*  
Donald B. Woodward, *Vick Chemical Company*  
Theodore O. Yntema, *Vice-President-Finance, Ford Motor Company*

## DIRECTORS BY UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENT

V. W. Bladen, *Toronto*  
Arthur F. Burns, *Columbia*  
Melvin G. de Chazeau, *Cornell*  
Frank W. Fetter, *Northwestern*  
H. M. Groves, *Wisconsin*  
Gottfried Haberler, *Harvard*  
Walter W. Heller, *Minnesota*  
Maurice W. Lee, *North Carolina*  
Lloyd G. Reynolds, *Yale*  
T. W. Schultz, *Chicago*  
Jacob Viner, *Princeton*  
Willis J. Winn, *Pennsylvania*

## DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Percival F. Brundage, *American Institute of Accountants*  
Harold G. Halcrow, *American Farm Economic Association*  
Theodore V. Houser, *Committee for Economic Development*  
Stanley H. Ruttenberg, *American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations*  
Murray Shields, *American Management Association*  
Willard L. Thorp, *American Economic Association*  
W. Allen Wallis, *American Statistical Association*  
Harold F. Williamson, *Economic History Association*

## RESEARCH STAFF

Moses Abramovitz  
Gary S. Becker  
Gerhard Bry  
Arthur F. Burns  
Morris A. Copeland  
Frank G. Dickinson  
James S. Earley  
Richard A. Easterlin  
Solomon Fabricant  
Milton Friedman  
Raymond W. Goldsmith  
Leo Grebler  
Millard Hastay  
W. Braddock Hickman  
Daniel M. Holland  
Thor Hultgren  
C. Harry Kahn  
John W. Kendrick  
Simon Kuznets  
Clarence D. Long  
Ruth P. Mack  
Ilse Mintz  
Geoffrey H. Moore  
Roger F. Murray  
G. Warren Nutter  
Lawrence H. Seltzer  
Robert P. Shay  
George J. Stigler  
Leo Wolman  
Herbert B. Woolley





# Contents

	PAGE
<b>PART ONE: The Study of Economic Growth</b>	1
<b>PART TWO: Activities during 1958</b>	14
New Studies	14
Research under Way	15
Studies Completed	15
Conferences on Research	19
Visitors to the National Bureau	20
Directors, Officers, and Research Staff	21
Finances and Sources of Support	21
<b>PART THREE: Staff Reports</b>	23
Economic Growth	23
National Income, Consumption, and Capital Formation	35
Business Cycles	43
Financial Institutions and Processes	55
International Economic Relations	76
<b>National Bureau Publications</b>	83
<b>How to Obtain National Bureau Publications</b>	91

