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Finally, two footnotes. First, it is to be devoutly hoped that we can soon incorporate fringe benefits in interindustry wage studies, for I share the suspicion that these have served to widen this type of differential during the very period when the structure of *rates* alone appears to have narrowed (and, of course, during the period when unions have greatly increased in strength).

Second, I hope someone will tackle the problem of our overreliance upon manufacturing data in these studies. Perhaps this is not a serious problem, since manufacturing industries certainly do vary greatly among themselves in certain respects. Yet, in view of the decreasing relative importance of manufacturing, I am uneasy over the studies in which the wage patterns among the 30 or 40 or 80 manufacturing industries for which we can get detailed data overpower the wage movements among a few nonmanufacturing industries. In spite of the hazards obviously involved, the relation of all-manufacturing wages to wages in agriculture, construction, mining, and particularly the service industries deserves more attention than it has received.

