

Census to Query Age and Industry

Economics

Increasingly valuable sociological information is likely to be gathered during the course of the taking of the census in 1930 and succeeding census years.

Though so far as the 1930 census is concerned, there are not so many new questions to be asked, nevertheless it seems probable that studies of unemployment and of the indigent poor, at least, will be made. It is expected that information will be gathered during the course of the taking of the census which will show the number of men and women in the United States more than 65 years of age who possess less than \$5,000, or less annual income than is usually derived from a \$5,000 investment. It is expected also to show the number of such persons living in institutions for the aged.

That the Congress of the United States is becoming acutely conscious of the need to make accurate studies of dependent old age is apparent. Resolutions are now before both the House and the Senate which would

sponsor an investigation of old-age pension systems. Information desired would show whether there should be Federal pensions, or whether the States should care individually for their aged poor.

In addition to the unemployment studies and a tabulation of the aged indigent to be taken in connection with the 1930 census, the Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce reports that a tabulation will be made of all veterans of all wars.

Furthermore, since an agricultural census is made every two years, the present one will be made by regular census workers in connection with the 1930 census.

Another line of inquiry which may be included in the 1930 census is a complete census of distribution, the Bureau of Census reports.

Such a census was made in 1926 in a few large cities such as Chicago, Kansas City, Syracuse, Denver, and Atlanta. The subjects on which statistics were gathered at that time included complete inventories of all re-

tail establishments, volume of retail sales by all kinds of businesses, sales per capita, number of inhabitants per store, employees in retail distribution, their salaries and the relation of their salaries to sales, and the same subjects as applied to wholesale distribution.

Many other questions along sociological lines have been suggested and the information which might be elicited from the inclusion of these questions would be interesting and valuable, according to the Census Bureau.

Among these are a complete census of religious affiliations, of incomes, and of questions, the answers to which would aid in framing immigration laws. Among the latter would be one suggested by a Congressman, which would question each individual regarding his or her racial descent. Literacy tests have also been suggested.

Future censuses will incorporate these and other lines of inquiry, it is believed.

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Notable American Books of 1928

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