

control has its origin in the diverse and conflicting decisions of the several boards and in the extent of evasion and non-compliance.

Approaching the central problem in revision, it appears to the Committee necessary to reverse the trend which culminated in the complex and elaborate structure of P.C. 8253, the present Wage Control Order. Beginning in P.C. 7440 as a simple set of principles for the guidance of Conciliation Boards, the wage control measure became an order excessively elaborate in form and language which it was the duty of the War Labour Boards to interpret. Significantly, the document gives no indication that these Boards were to be held responsible for harmonizing their interpretations with any broad economic and fiscal policy. It is the opinion of the Committee that a new Wage Control Order should be as simple and direct as possible in form and language and that the National Board, with firm control over the Regional Boards, should be strictly charged with the responsibility for administering the wage-control sector of the over-all stabilization policy, just as the Prices Board is charged with responsibility in the prices sector. Both Boards should be responsible for the over-all results of their administration in relation to the Government's economic and fiscal policy and responsible for advising their Ministers promptly of action which they believe to be necessary in order to secure the desired results.

It follows that the Board to be charged with its administration should share in the drafting of a new order, after agreeing to accept responsibility for achieving results which can be contained within the general policy. The Economic Advisory Committee does not, therefore, recommend to the Government a draft order but rather recommends that a new order be drafted which in addition to the necessary provisions for the constitution of the Boards as recommended above, and for administration and

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