

Experience of the Bureau of Economic Information shows that satisfactory results are often secured on the first visit, while repeated visits usually call forth resentment and bring forth information which is far from being true. For the present study, it is proposed to have the investigators visit these families not oftener than once a month, preferably a quarter, but a few thousand families should be included in the survey. If, as proposed under "personnel", there should be ten paid investigators and perhaps 20 or 30 student workers, it should not be difficult for them to visit two or three thousand families in three months. A schedule should be filled for each visit, but allowance must be made for incorrect and incomplete information, and the well filled ones useful for the study will probably number much below the above figure. As the Bureau of Markets is now conducting a family budget study for the China Foundation by the monograph method, the results of their study will serve as a check to this survey, and vice versa.

Personnel:

The study should be conducted under the direction of one Chinese director, one Chinese associate and one foreign statistical economist. The two Chinese are to be chosen with a view to their previous experience in research, and their knowledge of the industrial conditions of Shanghai. There should be from 4 to 10 paid investigators, college graduates who have had some experience in this kind of research work. The foreign economist should be invited to the faculty of Kwanghwa where he will have only nominal teaching duty, but will train and direct a number of college students in this statistical research. After they, students, are through with their training, they will become paid investigators, the number of whom will thus gradually increase from four to ten or more, adding to the number only the best of the graduates. The work done will be given credits toward M. A. Degree. A small number of office staff will also be kept, and during the later years, the number - e. g. of assistant statisticians for computing and compiling the statistical data - may be increased by drawing upon the trained graduates.

Collaboration:

With the University through the students, with the Government Bureau of Economic Information, the Social Research Institute of Shanghai, the Bureau of Markets, the Bureau of Agriculture, Industries and Commerce of Greater Shanghai, and the Research Committee of the Chinese Economic Society.

Time:

To enable the best results to be obtained, and to avoid having the result represent only the conditions of an abnormal year, the survey should last from three to five years. The foreign economist should have a contract with the University for the same number of years, so that there will be at least two or three classes to complete the training under him. It is suggested, class should graduate or receive a higher degree in the graduate department within one year, while the following classes should be kept in the University for two years. The paid investigators whether they are graduates of other or this college, should attend certain lectures of the foreign professor at least once every week, in order to receive some benefit of his training. It may be mentioned here that, for the purpose of approaching the factories and workshops, older men who have more