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REVISION OF THE CONSUMERS' PRICE INDEX

JHAIRMAN: Raymond T. Bowman, Office of Statistical Standards.

SPEAKERS: Sidney A. Jaffe, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

What the CPI is intended to do, and how it is structured (objectives, concepts, index number principles and problems).

Doris P. Rothwell, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

How the CPI operates in practice (sampling, pricing techniques, index computation).

DISCUSSANTS: Edward F. Denison, Brookings Institution. Charles L. Schultze, Bureau of the Budget.

It is ll years since the CPI was revised. This is the first updating since the report of the Price Statistics Review Committee (The Stigler Committee) was issued. Significant statistical improvements have been made, including replication and probability sampling. The participants will discuss numerous statistical improvements incorporated in the present revision of this very important series.

WHEN AND WHERE: Tuesday, March 17, 8:00 P.M., Room 319 Corcoran Hall, George Washington University, 725 - 21st Street, N. W.

METHODOLOGY SECTION

"Some properties of characteristic functions of probability distributions." E.J.G. Pittman, visiting Professor at John Hopkins University from the University of Tasmania.

WHEN AND WHERE: Tuesday, March 24, 8:00 P.M., auditorium of the School of Hygiene and Public Health, John Hopkins University, 615 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore. Directions: Washington-Baltimore Parkway to Paca Street in Baltimore. Turn right on to Route 40 East, which becomes Orleans Street, John Hopkins University is located at Orleans and Broadway.

Wolfe Street is at the rear of the John Hopkins University parking lot.

OTHER MEETINGS:

1. "The Accelerating Urban revolution in the U.S. - physical, human and governmental frictions." Philip Hauser, University of Chicago, Wednesday, March 18, 8:00 P.M., Cramton Auditorium, Howard University, 2455 - 6th Street, N. W.

2. Catholic University seminar: "Sequential experiments for estimating the median lethal dose." William C. Cochran, Harvard University, March 24, 3:30 P.M., Rm. 109 Caldwell Hall, Catholic University.

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