These dismal economic facts and many others that tell the same sorry tale, give the lie to those who think the pulse of the economy can be read from the Dow-Jones' averages of stock prices. I remember a political slogan of a few years back: "Everything's booming but the guns." Brought up to date it reads: "Nothing's booming but the stock market."

The place to measure the performance of our economy is not in Wall Street but in the homes of the human beings whose needs and aspirations give purpose and meaning to economic activity. Readings taken in the homes of 4,700,000 unemployed workers leave no room for doubt that we are still deep in recession.

This is the second recession we have experienced since 1953. In between we have had only partial recovery. If instead we had maintained full production, full employment, and full utilization of our technological skills, with a steady growth of production at the annual rate of 5 per cent which we could have achieved under those circumstances, the total value of goods and services we would have produced over that period, expressed in dollars of 1958 buying power, would have been approximately $212 billion greater than it actually was.

That is the measure of the loss we have suffered--$212 billion worth of food, clothing, homes, household goods, schools, hospitals, factories, power dams, economic aid, and all the other goods, services and facilities that would have helped create abundance.

If we had maintained that rate of growth since 1953, our national production in 1958 alone would have been about $525 billion, or $88 billion more than it actually was--sufficient to have allowed an increase of 20 per cent in every item of expenditures, public and private. This we could have divided among personal and family spending, health, education, area redevelopment, and other government services, national defense help to our friends in other lands, and new plants and equipment to meet our future growing needs.

These losses have already cost us dearly in the economic race with the forces of tyranny. But our economic lead will be narrowed still further, and completely closed within a frighteningly brief period, if we continue to fail, as we have in the past six years, to match our economic potential with practical performance.

Earlier I indicated that if the economies of the United States and the Soviet Union both continue to grow at the respective rates at which they have been growing since 1950, it will be only another 17 or 18 years until the gross national product of the Soviet Union will exceed our own. That statement was based on estimates made by Allen Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, with respect to the rate of economic growth in the Soviet Union, together with the latest available data as to our own rate of growth.

On April 29, 1958, Mr. Dulles told the 46th annual meeting of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce:

> "Whereas Soviet gross national product was about 33 percent that of the U. S. in 1950, by 1956 it had increased to about 40 percent, and by 1962 it may be about 50 percent of our own. <u>This means that the Soviet economy has been growing, and is expected to continue to grow through 1962, at a rate roughly twice that of the economy of the United States.</u>" (emphasis added)

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