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Dear Rotarian,

Unfortunately I was ill when you gave your second address to our club, but I was able to get a copy of your text. Superfluous to say that I read your speech with great interest. There is one point, however, on which I want to draw attention. Figures calculated by the well-known Australian statistician Colin Clark suggest that production per man-hour in the United States have always been, during the last century at least, considerably above production per man-hour in European countries. The enclosed chart which is on a logarithmic scale and taken from his publication

even suggests that development, as long as we know it, has been more or less parallel. It might be interesting for you to check his calculations with the material at your disposal.

YWH

Your analysis of the attitude of Dutch entrepreneurs and workers was very interesting again and, as far as I can see, to the point. I am glad you appeared to have observed already some change. I do think there is a trend towards more understanding between the various groups of society, but it is true that the European society is much more subdivided in almost watertight compartments than American society seems to be.

With repeated thanks, I am,

yours very sincerely,