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PREFACE

This Labour Report, which is the fifty-third of the series issued by this Bureau, contains detailed statistics for the year 1967, in addition to providing comparisons with previous years.

The Report follows in the main the lines of its immediate predecessors in scope and arrangement. The subject-matter has been divided into five chapters, namely, Retail Prices and Price Indexes; Wages and Hours; Employment and Unemployment (including Industrial Disputes); and Labour organisations.

New material in this issue includes the results of a Survey of Weekly Earnings and Hours, October 1967. These are shown in Chapter III. The work force results of the Population Census 1966 and the results of sample surveys of multiple jobholding, August 1967 are included in Chapter IV. In the Appendix new sections have been included to show details of, the December 1968 'link' and change of reference base in the Consumer Price Index; the Wholesale Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building; and the Labour Force Survey.

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