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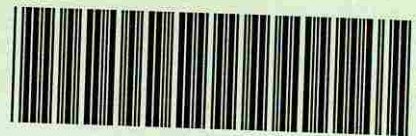


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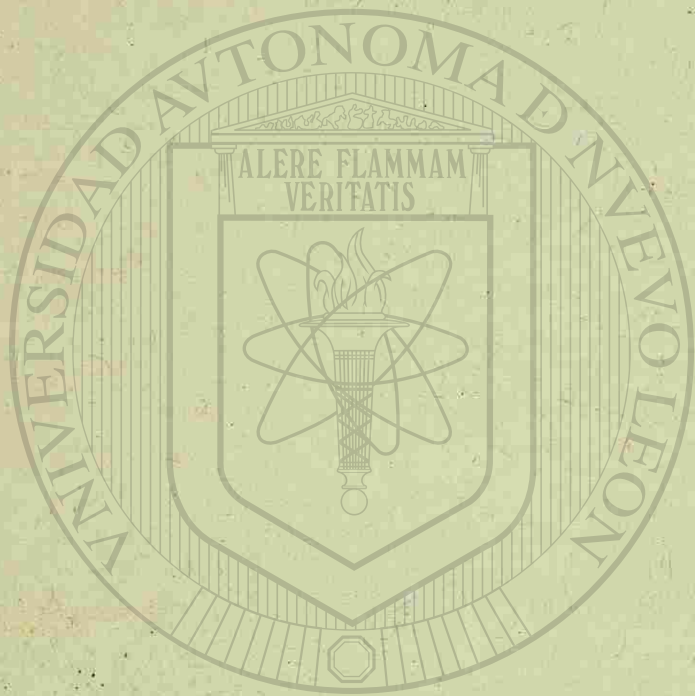
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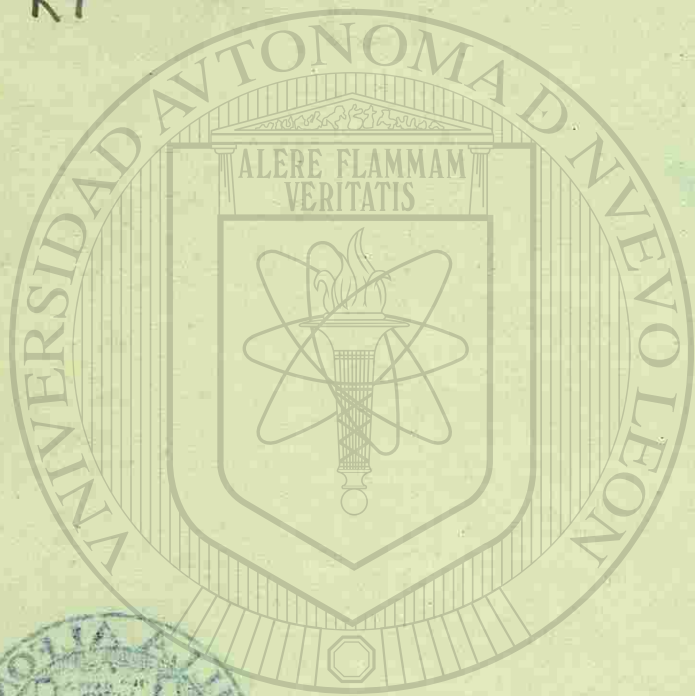
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CHAPTER I

INNER MOTIVATION, INDIVIDUAL GOALS, AND TEAM- WORK

To a given job incumbent, work can be meaningful and satisfying only when it elicits and stimulates his inner motivation. Then his experience on the job can be an integral element in a total life experience during which he moves toward his full potential as a person. This hypothesis is a long way from the assumptions and practices of traditional management by Theory X (or System I). But there is convincing evidence to support the statement that when a manager helps to release and develop hitherto neglected human talents by offering opportunities for psychological growth on the job, he can increase an employee's productivity and thus contribute to organizational effectiveness.

If, then, a manager is interested in trying to stimulate and reinforce the motivation of his employees, what are some of the basic propositions that he should consider? In offering an answer to that question. We begin with Maslow.

Theory of Motivation:

Some General Propositions

Motivation Comes from Inside Each Individual

Fundamental human needs—such as air, food, and shelter; belonging, "ego" satisfactions (including self-esteem, recognition from others, opportunities for achievement, self-development, and self-actualization)—act as powerful, though often unconscious, motivators of behavior. Inner motivation can be more decisive for behavior than any external influence.

The Whole Individual is Motivated, Not Just Part of Him A person's basic needs determine to a great extent what he will try to do at any given time. All these needs are interrelated because each "individual is an integrated, organized whole.... It is John Smith who wants food, not just Smith's stomach. (Moreover, because) man is a wanting animal," when John gets what he has wanted, he soon feels the need for something more.

While a Need is Satisfied, it is Relatively Quiescent During the time when a basic need is adequately met (for a given individual), it loses power as a motivator. In other words, when a need is no longer a felt need (even in a man's subconscious mind), it does

not determine his current behavior.

Frustration of Basic Needs Makes a Man "Sick"

When anyone is blocked in trying to meet a need which he feels is essential for him, he becomes to some extent mentally ill. However, one of the difficulties in dealing intelligently, and even in communicating, with other people is that not everyone can say—even if he is asked—what needs are currently important for him. And some "sick" men turn themselves into "half-men" by being unable to live up to their own central interests.

Basic Needs Take Effect as Motivators on Different Levels

In every individual, basic needs take effect as though they were arranged in a hierarchy. This hierarchy is not rigid. Lower-level needs do not have to be completely satisfied before higher-level needs can emerge as determinants for behavior. Nevertheless, everyone can recognize that different needs have priority at different times. For example, because man is partly an animal, he cannot exist without minimum satisfaction of physiological needs, such as those for air, water, food, and shelter. But because man is more than an animal, he has social, psychological, and spiritual needs which must also be met. Otherwise, he cannot develop his characteristically human potential. At levels higher than mere

physical existence, every human being needs opportunities to belong, to give and receive affection and loyalty, to use and develop his powers, and to spend his energies in the service of something he believes in.

Psychologists agree that deep and lasting satisfaction can be achieved only to the extent that high-level needs are met. The higher the level of the need, the greater its power to give enduring satisfaction. Moreover, frequent opportunities to satisfy a high-level need do not blunt a person's appetite. As Francis Bacon said of knowledge, it provides a kind of satisfaction "whereof there is no satiety".

Some high-level needs seem to be almost universal. But everyone's motivational pattern is somewhat different from that of any one else.

Motivational Patterns Are Unique Recognizing that John Smith is motivated as an integral and unique organism, a practical question becomes: How is anyone to know who John is (as an individual), still less what he might become (as an organization resource) if he could truly satisfy his deepest human needs? For this reason alone it is essential that every first-level supervisor try -

to understand each of his subordinates-as an individual.

The Self-concept as a Unifying Force According to Gellerman, unifying forces run through each individual's motivational history. One of the most powerful is the drive to actualize his own image of himself. "The outlines of a person's self-image are fairly well etched in early childhood; thereafter.. they do not ordinarily change radically... The individual remains true to his symbolic self". For example, a child who early sees himself as a leader will, if possible, try to behave that way in later life. Therefore, anyone who wishes to interact productively with another person should seriously try to answer the questions: How does he see himself? Who does he think he is? What is he trying to do?

Two things that each individual is always trying to do, consciously or otherwise, are: to act like the person he thinks he is, and to get what he thinks he can (and should) have. In short, everyone "is always following a strategy (which seems to him) sensible for getting along in the world he thinks he lives in".

Effect of the Environment as Perceived How-

ever, a person's ideas of what he most needs and how he can get it are the product of his experience in a given environment. Here a second unifying force makes itself felt. It should be noted that a person's interpretation of what his environment can do for him, and to him, is not a direct response to objective facts. As emphasized by Carl Rogers, what counts, for psychological development, is that part of the phenomenal field which "is experienced (consciously and unconsciously and unconsciously) by the organism".

Sometimes the experiences of an individual's adult life fail to confirm the lessons he learned as a child about how best to handle the events and persons that make up his perceived environment. When adult experiences differ drastically from those in which a person's self-image was formed, that individual is likely to be in serious trouble. For example, if a person continues to assert himself aggressively, although his assigned role is that of a subordinate in a system of authoritarian management, he will almost certainly get into trouble with his organizational superiors. On the other hand, if, in order to avoid having trouble with other people, an employee changes his behavior on the job so much that it no longer matches his own motivational pattern, he is in deep trouble within himself. For instance, a person who is naturally self-reliant

and highly motivated may give in to environmental pressure. In so conforming, his response in words and action becomes that of a yes-man. But now that he no longer responds to his inner motivation, his productivity tends to be reduced to the point where he does just enough to get by. Such giving in and giving up is, in effect, "mental retirement".

At the organizational level of lower and middle management, this environmentally conditioned response has been characterized by Blake and Mouton as the 1,1, managerial style.... (A manager with this orientation) has learned to be 'out of it' (doing just enough to avoid being dismissed). Little is expected of him and little is given by him.. The 1,1 approach is unnatural. It comes to those who have accepted defeat.... This kind of accommodation amounts to "being present, yet absent".

All Behavior is Determined, but Not All of It is Motivated To some extent, every intelligent and flexible person responds to environmental pressures. As Maslow has pointed out, "There are many determinants of behavior other than motives". Those which make themselves felt in childhood are normally most important. Some are exerted by national culture, geographical location, and the

historical period in which a person happens to live. Still other determinants of behavior originate in the situation itself. Here is where ways of managing make a difference for people at work. Managers, at all organizational levels exert influences that -- affect the behavior of other employees. Every manager who sees this fact as a responsibility for him will ask himself what kind of influence his way of managing exerts on those with whom he works. He will want to know what he can do to increase organization -- effectiveness by helping to reinforce, in employees, the drive toward satisfying high-level needs which is potentially a powerful motivating factor. He will want to find out -- whether newcomers who are members of minority groups have brought with them a feeling -- that "everyone is down on me anyway, so I -- could never get anywhere even if I did try". If so, the manager should ask himself: "How can I demonstrate that in this organization people are recognized as individuals, not -- stereotypes? Promotion is open to everyone who qualifies for it". In seeking answers -- to such questions, a manager wish to consider other theories of motivation developed by -- behavioral psychologists with specific reference to job satisfaction.

A Controversial Theory:

The Duality of Man's Nature

Herzberg started from the premise that man's nature has two entirely separate parts: the animal nature and the uniquely human nature. From there, Herzberg developed a theory of -- motivation whose salient points are as follows:

° Everyone has needs that derive from nature as a human animal (corresponding roughly to a Maslow's lower-level needs).

° Insofar as a man responds to his animal nature, he is negatively oriented. He tries to avoid pain and unpleasantness by adjusting to his environment. Maximum success in -- this effort can lead to the absence of discontent with a job. As a dominant orientation, it is conducive to mental ill health.

° The other part of man's nature is uniquely human. Behavior motivated by this set of (high-level) needs consists in adjusting to one's self. In this process, achievement leads to the feeling that one is becoming more of a person by growing in the direction -- of self-actualization. This type of inner-directed adjustment contributes to strong -- and lasting satisfaction, to greater productivity, and to mental equilibrium.

According to Herzberg, both sets of needs are "unidimensional". Each relates to only one side of man's nature. It would therefore follow that environmental factors which affect a man's attitude toward his job must also be divided into mutually exclusive categories. This view is in marked contrast to the traditional one-factor theory of job attitudes in which any job-related factor may be a source of both satisfaction and/or dissatisfaction.

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ting, cannot also be demotivating (demoralizing) when there is no opportunity to satisfy this need.

Interviews which we have held with managers and supervisors during management development seminars have led us to disagree -- with Herzberg's classification of interpersonal relationships as a dissatisfier and also with his statement that a motivator cannot operate in reverse-as a demoralizing factor. First, there were frequent indications that an interpersonal relationship had been a -- strong motivator for many people when support that could have been withheld-was offered by an organizational superior or an associate. Second, our interview material clearly showed that interpersonal relationships can also be a powerfully demotivating factor. Many persons reported that their will to work had been undermined by evidence that an organizational superior lacked integrity and failed to follow through on promised support. This lack of confidence in certain superiors was frequently cited as a primary reason for -- having requested a transfer or for having -- quit.

Nevertheless, these interviews have also convinced us that Herzberg's contrast between job content and job context is significant for the understanding of inner motiva-

tion. Intrinsic interest of the work itself, opportunity to develop one's potential and -- growth on the job, were uniformly regarded as more important than the physical surroundings in which such meaningful work was done.

Convincing support for Herzberg's theory of satisfiers (responsibility, achievement, - recognition, and career development) has been given by controlled experiments in the Bell - Telephone System. The results convinced members of top management that reshaping jobs to provide maximum satisfaction in the work itself is worth far more than it costs-not only because there is a dramatic reduction in employees turnover, and therefore also greatly reduced training costs, but also in higher productivity and in career development for employees. The large proportion of employees who were able to meet gradually increasing opportunities for responsibility demonstrated -- their promotion caliber.

Consequently, we find ourselves in complete agreement with Ford that Herzberg has -- (1) made a great contribution in emphasizing the significance of "work itself" (job content) as potentially motivational; (2) provided a simple and stimulating framework for -- further research; but (3) overstated the case for disregarding "hygiene or maintenance factors". Unless pay and benefits are high, --

even a satisfied employee may quit.

Hackman's Multidimensional Concept of the - Motivation to Work

Hackman (working independently) agrees with Maslow and Herzberg that there is a hierarchy of basic needs. However, he strongly emphasizes the significance of differences between individuals and notes that there probably are no pure types of motivational patterns. Using a structured questionnaire as part of an attitude survey, Hackman found that the words a person uses to describe his motivational feelings (for example, feelings of recognition, confidence, and accomplishment) indicate his degree of independence. Hackman agrees with Herzberg in differentiating between work itself and the conditions surrounding work. He finds that some people are primarily "task-oriented", while others are "situation-oriented". Both types of responses are classified as "work-activity-oriented". His motivational theory is based on responses to the total work situation, including interpersonal relations especially supervision as a potentially positive factor in the work situation that can reinforce motivation. Moreover, he is convinced that his system of describing work motivation applies to men and women, salaried or hourly rated, and regardless of length of employment.

According to Hackman, a work-motivated adult can be described by considering seven basic dimensions: (1) His characteristic level of physical energy, and (2) the extent to which his energy-high or low-is work directed. Highly motivated people "are identified with work in a social context that yields closure experiences". e.g, opportunities to complete a given task. Such an adult regards work (3) as a medium through which to exercise skills, or (4) as a means to attain and exercise responsibility over other people and their activities, or (5) as a means to some end extrinsic to work itself (such as wealth, security, or prestige). To some individuals, ordinary pressures of work and of the "conditions which surround it" (6) feel threatening and arouse anxiety, or (7) seem irritating and arouse aggressive reactions.

In summary, Hackman sets up the following classification of motivational patterns: (a) "closure seekers," (b) "responsibility seekers," (c) "instrumentalists" means-to-end seekers, and (d) "emotional types," "who feel threatened or irritated by normal work pressures." (R)

Other Motivational Studies

Patchen's research, which was conducted in selected units of the Tennessee Valley Authority, took account of the following indicators

of motivation: "General job interest, interest in innovation, and attendance, as well as pride in work and symptoms of stress". "Aroused motivation" was found to be a function of three variables (one in the employee himself and two in the work situation): (1) an employee's inner need for achievement; -- (2) the degree of achievement possible in his job; and (3) the probability that increased effort on his part will lead to greater achievement. However, research showed that one cannot expect an employee to be strongly motivated unless all three conditions exist simultaneously. For example, if an employee sees his job as one in which genuine achievement is impossible or thinks that greater effort on his part would not result in greater achievement, what incentive is there for him to exert himself--even if he has an inner drive to achieve?

According to the above findings, the level of performance by an employee who has inner motivation for achievement can be raised by the following features in the work situation: (1) a degree of difficulty in his job that is great enough to constitute a challenge to him but not so great as to induce stress; (2) a considerable degree of control over his own methods; (3) the existence of appropriate standards for measuring performance; and (4) feedback--that he regards as relevant and reliable--as to his degree of success.

Patchen also emphasizes the importance of individual differences in regard to rewards that people value. For example, some employees value an extrinsic reward, such as money, more than an intrinsic reward, such as opportunity for psychological growth on the job. He also notes that when these four situational variables (a match of individual differences and situational factors) appear in combination, their effect on motivation is multiplicative rather than merely additive.

Porter and Lawler start by recognizing -- that behavioral research has long since exposed as a myth the notion that a happy employee is necessarily more productive than if he were dissatisfied. However, they make three significant qualifying statements. studies -- have shown that (1) job satisfaction is often associated with high performance, (2) high satisfaction is associated with low employee turnover and low absenteeism, and (3) it may be more fruitful to think about job satisfactions as a result rather than as a cause of high job performance.

In addition to the significant motivational differences noted by Patchen--those between extrinsic and intrinsic rewards and individual differences in value attitudes by employees to a given reward--Porter and Lawler -- speak of an employee's "expectation" that --

greater effort on his part will enable him - to obtain the kind of reward that he values most. For example, if a rank-and-file employee puts a high value on money but works in an organization where pay raises are given - only according to length of service, why - - should he be expected to exert himself beyond the point where he meets minimum requirements? Conversely, if another employee has strong drives toward achievement and for control over his own work methods (intrinsic rewards), then satisfying these high-level - - needs tends to result in high performance by him.

M. Scott Myers agrees with major findings summarized in the previous paragraphs. In addition, he draws on experience at Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas, with reference to the following hypotheses:

° A job becomes meaningful when the incumbent (1) can see that his task relates to a "meaningful chunk" of his personal goals and (2) can plan and measure his achievement -- according to an effective "do-and-control - system".

° To have maximum effect on inner motivation, a goal must be (1) influenced by the - employee as a goal setter; (2) visible-that is, by direct feedback; (3) desirable; (4) -

challenging; and (5) attainable. Such a -- goal satisfies needs for growth, achievement, responsibility, recognition, affiliation-the need to belong and security.

° Management systems must satisfy human - needs that are both high-level and maintenance-oriented. Participation by lower-level - employees in planning and implementing such systems is a form of job enrichment that can give meaning to work experience of an employee whose daily task would not, in itself, - appeal to an achievement-motivated individual.

What Might All These Hypotheses Mean for a - Manager?

After considering such research findings on motivation, a manager might select those -- which seem to him most significant, and most practicable, for his organization:

1 Motivation needs to be thought of - both in relation to individual differences - and in the context of the total work situa-- tion.

2 Inner motivation to satisfy high-level needs can result in high performance on the job if these currently felt needs are satisfied.

3 Intrinsic rewards, such as recognition from within and outside the group for attainment of goals, derived from job content, can greatly stimulate inner motivation and -- therefore high performance. But extrinsic rewards, such as increased pay or promotion, -- may be seen as appeasers and annoyers if they seem unrelated to high performance.

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Prerequisites for effective teamwork include (1) commitment of all members to shared objectives; (2) a relatively small number of persons-to permit mutual understanding between all teammates; (3) ability of each member to contribute toward the common goal (s); (4) proximity and frequent opportunities for informal face-to-face communication-so that all members can come to know one another well; - and (5) constant practice. Only by intensive and continuing practice in interaction -- with the same persons can anyone come to -- feel sure of what those individuals can and will do as teammates. That assurance makes it possible, in a crisis, for team members -- to think and act in concert-with few words -- or none-effectively meeting shared objectives in a changing situation.

By team spirit we mean (1) readiness to join with others in activity toward a common goal, (2) loyalty to other team members individually and to the team as a social unit, - and (3) willingness to pay a high price, in personal effort, to accomplish a team goal.

Pablo Casals, in the orchestra which he founded and conducted in Barcelona, created a situation where team spirit and the prerequisites for effective teamwork enabled him to work with 88 musicians (most of them without previous orchestral experience) and develop an outstanding group of symbolic players.

Two rehearsals a day met several preconditions mentioned above. But the spirit developed by members of the orchestra was probably the most significant factor. Casals inspired them with his own feeling of dedication to music:

I stressed that each musician must learn to play, on the one hand, as if he were a soloist and, on the other, with the constant awareness of being an indispensable part of a team.... Human teamwork (in music is) the sense of being one of a group -- working together to achieve the ultimate in beauty.... We share the great privilege of bringing masterpieces to life. We also share a sacred responsibility. We are entrusted -- with the duty of interpreting these masterpieces with utter integrity.

Prerequisites for team spirit and for partnership are so similar that we have combined them below.

Partnership, according to Webster, is "the state of being a partner; participation". This state of being may be further clarified by describing the feelings which are characteristic of a partner. They are similar to

those of a teammate. But what is distinctive about a partner is his recognition that he -- can contribute to shared objectives by exercising managerial functions. If he is a junior or working partner, he does not expect to participate on equal terms in making all major decisions. But he can count on the following: (1) having a share in planning, organizing, directing, and controlling all activities for which he assumes responsibility; (2) being invited to express his ideas in regard to all decisions whose consequences will seriously affect him; (3) having his constructive suggestions judiciously considered (though not necessarily adopted); (4) receiving reasonable explanations as to why any of his suggestions are modified or rejected; and (5) being treated with courtesy and consideration by -- his other partner(s).

Prerequisites for team spirit and for a spirit of partnership are provided in a situation where individuals have opportunities to participate (1) with their minds and at the level of ego involvement, as well as with mere physical strength or technical skill, (2) in small action groups, where effort is meshed, and (3) in achieving goals which all members see as important.

It is contrary to human nature to expect team spirit to develop before each individual

has learned by experience what teamwork can do for him. Moreover, highly competitive relationships between peers (traditionally referred to as "healthy competition") and emphasis on superior-subordinate relationships are incompatible with what motivates a person who feels and functions like a teammate or a partner.

By cooperative relationships we mean -- those characterized by (1) willingness to engage in teamwork, (2) community of purpose -- with regard to long-term aims, and (3) commitment to a larger whole. Between members of a large organization who have no regular contact with each other, a cooperative relationship is the nearest thing to a team relationship which can prevail. Using the words -- "teamwork" and "team" for activities which -- have any tinge of cooperativeness obscures -- the highly effective interaction (team play) which can be achieved only in relatively -- small groups.

Prerequisites for a cooperative relationship among all members of a large organization include (1) A style of managing which -- fosters cooperation and free communication regardless of organization status or specialized function, (2) An organization structure which permits communication as needed between cross-functional work groups, and (3) Corporate po-

licies and goals which encourage feelings of membership and enlistment in the organization as a whole.

Where cooperative relationships exist, a considerable degree of teamwork can rapidly be developed when members of different work teams temporarily join forces on a common project, e.g., to cope with an emergency. Outstanding instances of such temporary teamwork have been given by employees in public utilities. After a hurricane, out-of-state line crews often pour into a disaster area, working with local teams around the clock to restore power. Cooperative relations may also develop into a team relationship when employees are recruited to work together on some special project. Whether or not this happens depends in large measure on the leadership exercised by the project manager.

Implementing These Ideas

Most managers know that they need good teamwork and strong team spirit but that both can be disadvantageous unless directed toward organizational goals. Having reached this point, an executive may usefully ask himself: Where does teamwork exist in this organization? Toward what goals is it directed? What might I do to facilitate teamwork which could help to advance our major organizational goals?

Taking a Systems Approach

At this stage he might consider, and even consider doing something about, ideas presented in the previous chapters. As a starter, he might think of the entire organization as an integral whole, a total man-machine system, in which relationships between the component parts are as important as the parts themselves. Then, in thinking about "The human organization," he could direct his attention to the smallest social units, work groups. Each of these can be regarded as a fundamental building block for a productive organization. Then, recognizing the relationship between individual behavior and environment, a systems-minded manager would not ask: How can we change the behavior of these individuals, so that instead of loafing on the job and resisting managerial controls, they will go all out for management objectives? Instead, his inquiry will be guided by the insight that behavior is a function of interaction between a person and his environment.

Taking the total organizational situation as the environment, the executive might then reexamine the components of organization structure, the communication system, and corporate policies. Questions to be asked here include these:

1. Is our organization structure such

that planning, decision making, and controlling are sufficiently decentralized to facilitate teamwork at various organizational levels?

2 Is our communication system such -- that ideas and information flow freely in all directions?

3 Do our policies provide adequate guidance for decision making by management representatives without imposing undue limitations on their initiative and judgment?

4 Are policy statements accessible to all who need to know about them and to use them?

5 How are our policies shaped up? Is all policy thinking done at the top level? Or do policy suggestions and evaluations and evaluations come from all segments of the organization?

Practicing Consultative Management

After making some such general review, the next step for a chief executive might be to discuss with his immediate work associates the managerial style which they believe in and try to practice. Does he, and do his

associates, think that his way of managing is one which evokes a high level of participation from other employees? If so, how -- about their way of managing?

A chief executive who invites group appraisal of managing as practiced in the organization is using the consultative approach. In this way he demonstrates a feeling which is appropriate for problem solving as well as for appraising. By encouraging constructive criticisms and a "yes-but" response to his own statements he is practicing participative management.

Studying a Work Situation

An executive's next step toward fostering better team-work in his own organization may be intensive study of some work situation in which teamwork has demonstrably increased productivity. Such a situation may be observed wherever a management and a local union cooperate on increasing productivity.

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escorting patients to other departments.

Professional nurses now had more time -- for highly skilled services. But because of the effect on nonprofessional personnel, this technically efficient system did not work out as planned. Resentment and bickering developed between persons assigned to perform a number of strictly limited tasks for many patients. Nonprofessionals found their work dull. Many quit for better-paying jobs. And no one had enough contact with any one patient to - permit understanding him as an individual. Thus, in the late 1940s, many nursing administrators become convinced that the current method of nursing care was not good enough - either for the patient or for job satisfaction and individual development by nursing personnel.

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ve direct rewards in job satisfaction while - also becoming more productive:

° Participation in nursing care by nonprofessionals needs to be guided and supplemented by professionals. But supervision by professionals need not restrict development of nonprofessional personnel.

° A high level of participation by employees can be expected only when each can function up to the limit of his ability, contributing his experience and insight as well as his technical skill and physical effort.

° When employees have opportunities to participate in making plans they are expected to implement, a high degree of understanding and acceptance tends to motivate them toward superior performance.

° Participation at the level of ego involvement is prerequisite for the full development of each individual and for a kind of evaluation (of planning and performance) which can continuously raise the level of group achievement.

° When participation is a strongly motivated response by "the whole man," there is no

need for an authoritarian type of inspection and control. Group supervision, group controls, self-control, and self-evaluation can effectively be supplemented by a leader who also functions as a working partner and is thus in a position to understand the individuals with whom he daily works and communicates.

Plans and Assignments

Two kinds of interlinking plans and assignments help to weld members of each nursing team into a well-knit action group. The medical care plan (formulated by the attending physician) provides a framework within which a plan of nursing care for each patient is developed. This nursing plan is designed to meet the needs (psychological as well as physical of each patient. Thus every team member can feel committed to a unified project and understand how his part contributes to the whole team effort.

However, before a nursing plan is even formulated, the first kind of assignment is made. The head nurse on each unit (ward) -- assigns specific patients to each nursing team. Then, each team leader tentatively develops nursing-care plans for all patients assigned to her team. On any given day, some part of her own work assignment may highlight the job-centered approach which charac

terizes team action and disregards status. For example, a team leader may decide to make a patient's bed or to carry in a tray. Such an apparently unimportant (nonprofessional) task is an appropriate assignment for a leader if by performing it she can create a favorable condition for overcoming a communication block which has prevented other team members from reaching a patient.

Another way in which team nursing differs from traditional nursing practice is that a team leader no longer regards any individuals as "my patients". Instead, she keeps herself free to circulate among her teammates, all of whom are helping to care for "our patients".

Participation and Evaluation

Each team's long-range objective is continuously to raise the level of care given to each patient. Part of every team member's assignment is to observe the response of each patient and to jot down suggestions for improving the plan for his care. These suggestions are discussed at the daily team conference.

Communication: In Team Conferences and between Individuals

A daily conference, conducted informally by the team leader, has the following multiple

purpose: (1) to make sure that each member clearly understands the what, how, and why of her work assignment for the day; (2) to discuss and, if possible, solve problems encountered by team members either earlier in the tour of duty or the day before; and (3) to consider suggestions for improving some plan for a patient's care.

Supervision and Inspection

The team leader's daily work assignment enables her constantly to supervise and inspect what other team members do. However, her supervision is not resented because her work associates can see that her professional knowledge and up-to date understanding can be helpful to them.

When a team leader finds that something has been done incorrectly or inadequately, she is expected to ask: What is accountable? Is the plan for nursing care faulty in some respect? Was the work assignment unwise (perhaps because the person was insufficiently prepared)? Were the instructions unclear? In correcting the performance of teammates, a leader is expected to do so with objectivity and friendliness. The focus of attention is always on the job to be done.

Control

Experience with nursing teams has demonstrated

that control for quality and quantity of output can increasingly come from members of a work group. Members of nursing teams feel responsible for doing their best, in partnership with others who share responsibility for nursing care plans. And each of these plans meshes with a medical care plan, which fits into the whole plan by which each hospital undertakes to meet its major objectives. Thus, team members naturally feel a responsibility toward performance by the hospital as a whole.

Linkage and Cooperation with Other Hospital Personnel

The leader of each nursing team serves as a link to a health team. She works with the physician (the leader of that team) and cooperates, as need arises, with other members of a health team, e.g., a social worker, a dietitian, or a clergyman. The head nurse is another link member. She confers with physicians and their associates on health teams. Sometimes, it has been in evaluating action taken in an emergency that the need for this kind of linkage could most clearly be seen as a means for suitable expansion for teamwork.

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speaks first, then when the men gather about the council fire no time is wasted in deciding who the first speaker is to be. The major difference between an organization and a crowd is the presence of rules which specify how people are to act toward each other.

Human organizations have faced the problem of rules from the beginning. The Egyptians building pyramids 6,000 years ago and the Egyptians building dams on the Nile in modern times need to answer the same kinds of questions. How shall the work which needs to be done be divided among the people who are available to do it? Who shall divide up the work? How shall workers be recruited, selected, and trained? What rules shall govern them? What should workers receive for their efforts? How can "superior" workers be differentiated from "inferior" workers? How can the organization survive until the job is done? Though the answers change, the questions remain the same.

The answers vary because of changes in Technology, communication, and the education level of the population. Above all, they are different because research has changed our thinking about what motivates human beings in organizations. In the first decades of this century people were thought to be motivated almost exclusively by economic considerations. Organizations thus sought to control people by manipulating economic incentives. Any activity which did not seem to be an attempt by the worker to maximize his economic return was considered irrational.

Therefore the organization had to use rules which prevented men from working against their "own best interests". These views of man and organization were not restricted to "ignorant robber barons," "evil captains of industry," or "grasping paternalists." They were the ones accepted by almost every one, including ministers, professors, and often the working man himself.

Now in place of "economic man", we speak of "complex man" (Schein, 1965). Man is not motivated exclusively by economic considerations. Money is important, but the social and personal aspects of organizations are also important. Each person brings to the job a different mixture of motivations, skills, and traits. Since people want more than economic returns from the organizations in which they work and since people vary in how important they consider these other returns to be, organizations need rules of compensation and relation more complex than they were fifty or sixty years ago.

Organizational Charts

Frequently the mention of formal organization brings to mind a chart such as that shown in Figure 1-1. Such charts are a useful shorthand method for presenting the complexity and dynamic quality of human organizations. Behind the shorthand, however, is a network of policies, procedures, precedents, traditions, customs, laws, and rules which relate people to their work, people to each other, and the various functions of the organization to one another.

This total masterplan of the formal organization tries to specify how several things should be (Tannenbaum, 1966, Chapter 1). Among these are the work to be done, the specialized groups and individuals who will do it, the order in which the events of the organization will proceed and how all these activities are to be coordinated. In addition, the system of authority as well as the methods and kinds of compensation must be made explicit. All of this can be done at an abstract level and specific people need not be taken into account. People, for purposes of establishing the formal organization, may be considered interchangeable and replaceable. For example, in Figure 1-1 the vice-president for production may be Bill Jones or Mary Jones or any other person you may think of. In any case the vice-president will "report" to the president, "consult" with other vice-presidents, and "receive reports" from directors and plant managers.

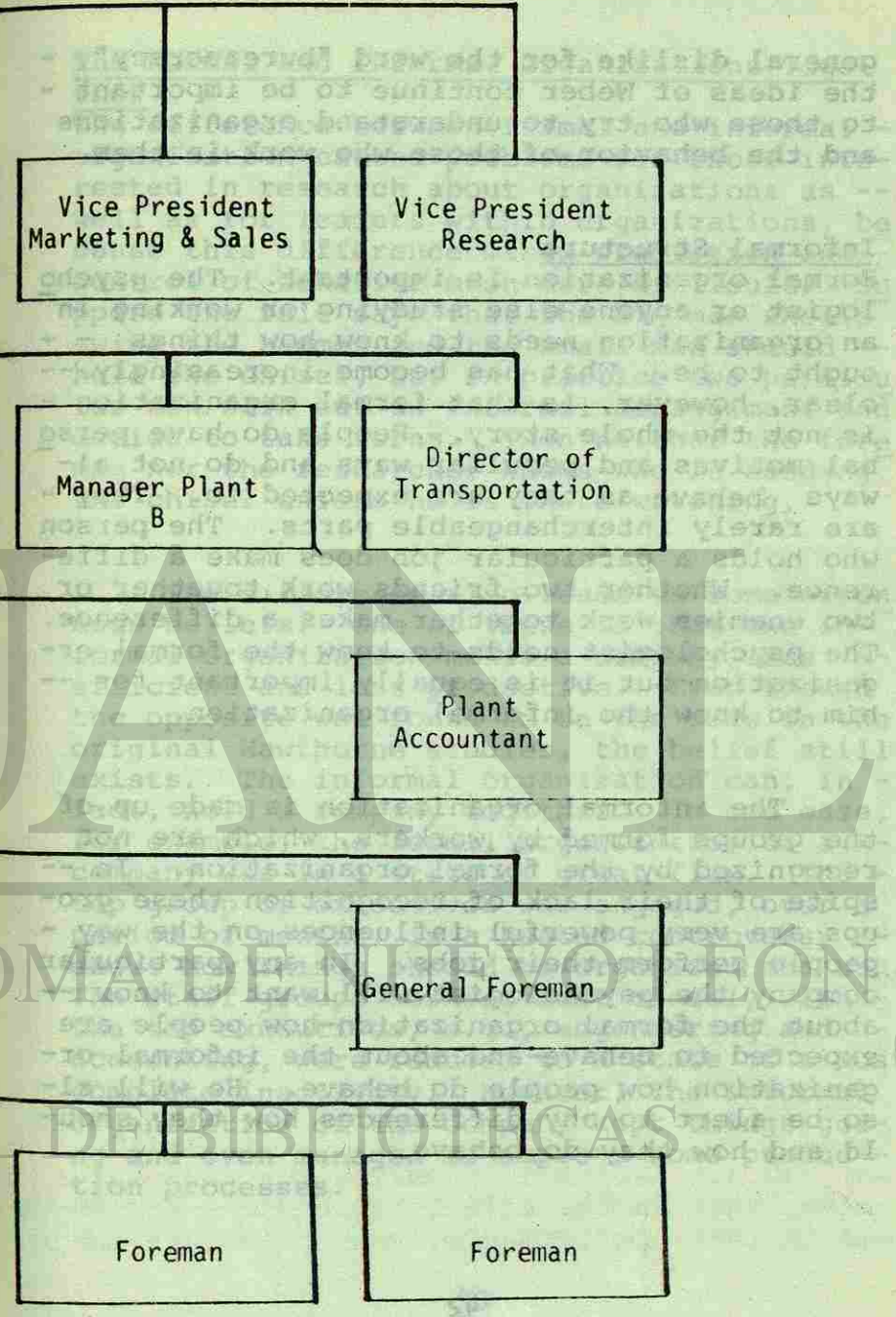
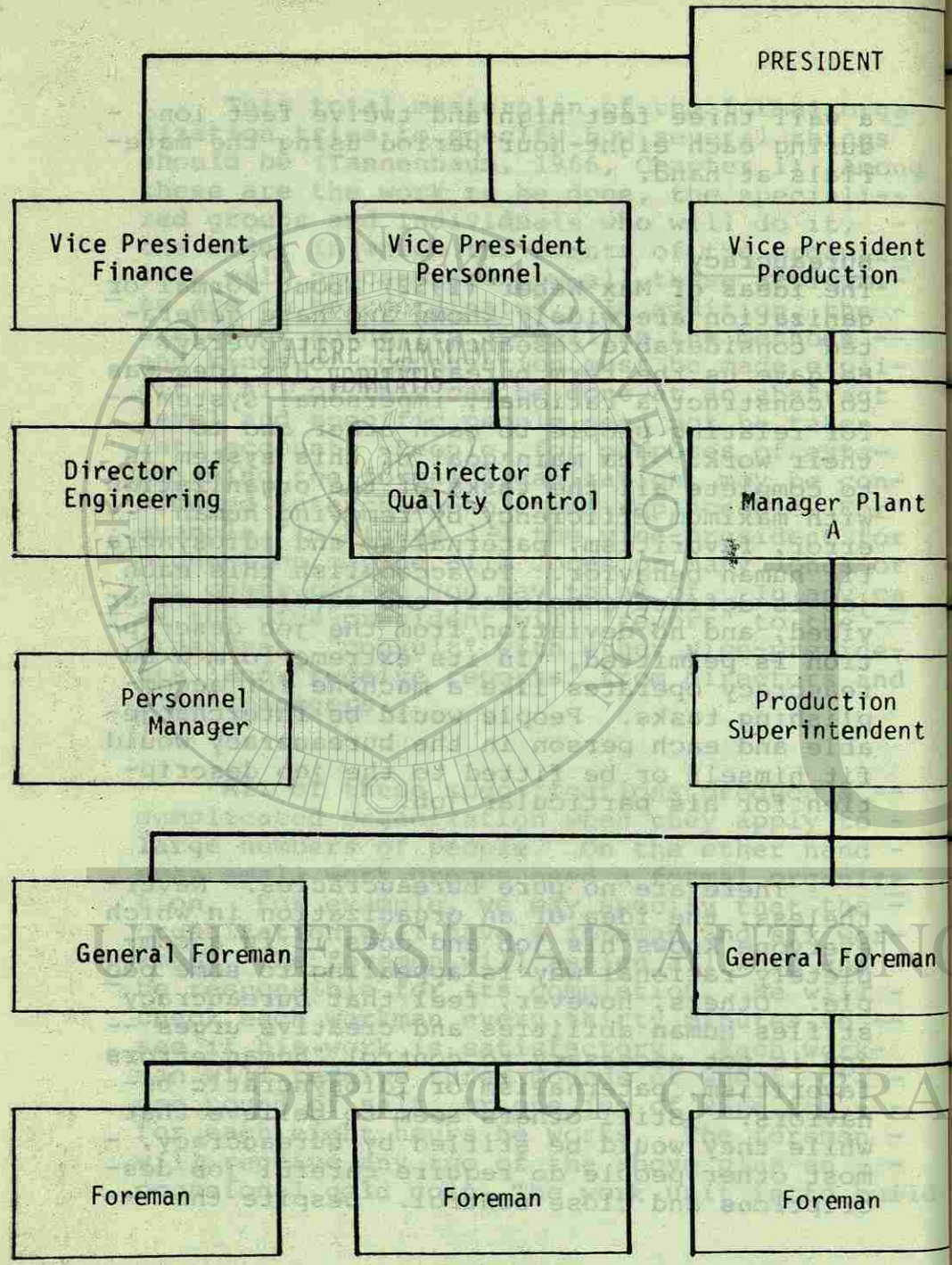
All of these specifications produce a complicated organization when they apply to large numbers of people. On the other hand even small work groups need a formal organization. For example, we may specify that the organization will have a foreman and six workmen. The foreman will assign all work and be responsible for its completion. He will check each workman every thirty minutes to see if his work is satisfactory. Each workman will receive three pounds of wheat, or one pound of salt, or one jug of wine for each eight hours he works. The foreman will receive any two of the above plus an occasional gold coin. The work unit is to build

a wall three feet high and twelve feet long - during each eight-hour period using the materials at hand.

Bureaucracy

The ideas of Max Weber (1952) about formal organization are widely known and have generated considerable research and controversy. He gave us the term bureaucracy. His idea was to construct a rational, impersonal system -- for relating people to each other and to their work. The main goal of this system is to complete all the tasks of the organization with maximum efficiency by removing human error, favoritism, paternalism and idiosyncratic human behavior. To accomplish this each job is defined completely and carefully supervised, and no deviation from the job description is permitted. In its extreme form a bureaucracy operates like a machine for accomplishing tasks. People would be interchangeable and each person in the bureaucracy would fit himself or be fitted to the job description for his particular job.

There are no pure bureaucracies. Nevertheless, the idea of an organization in which everyone knows his job and does it in a completely rational way is appealing to some people. Others, however, feel that bureaucracy stifles human abilities and creative urges and is not necessary to control "human errors, favoritism, paternalism or idiosyncratic behaviors." Still others seem to believe that while they would be stifled by bureaucracy, most other people do require careful job descriptions and close control. Despite the



general dislike for the word "bureaucracy", - the ideas of Weber continue to be important - to those who try to understand organizations and the behavior of those who work in them.

Informal Structure

Formal organization is important. The psychologist or anyone else studying or working in an organization needs to know how things - ought to be. What has become increasingly -- clear, however, is that formal organization - is not the whole story. People do have personal motives and peculiar ways and do not always behave as they are expected to. They - are rarely interchangeable parts. The person who holds a particular job does make a difference. Whether two friends work together or two enemies work together makes a difference. The psychologist needs to know the formal organization but it is equally important for -- him to know the informal organization.

The informal organization is made up of the groups formed by workers, which are not recognized by the formal organization. In -- spite of their lack of recognition these groups are very powerful influences on the way - people perform their jobs. In any particular company the psychologist will want to know -- about the formal organization-how people are expected to behave-and about the informal organization how people do behave. He will also be alert to any differences how they should and how they do behave.

The Formal and Informal Organizations Together

The difference between formal and informal - organization causes problems for those interested in research about organizations as -- well as for leaders within organizations, because this difference makes prediction and - control of behavior much more difficult. Suppose the rule says that the big man should swing the hammer and the small man should -- hold the chisel, but in practice two particular men work out an informal arrangement and decide to take turns. Then neither the foreman nor the researcher knows who is holding the chisel unless he is there watching.

The difference also leads to some erroneous beliefs. One of these is that the informal organization makes a company less -- efficient and less productive. Even though the opposite was found to be the case in the original Hawthorne studies, the belief still exists. The informal organization can, in - fact, hold a company together. In one case, for example, the formal organization of a -- company was in a state of great flux. The - top group of executives was engaged, over a period of months, in a heated controversy -- about how things should be organized and run. The staff groups working most closely with - the top executives, e.g., engineering and - accounting, were reduced to a state of almost complete inactivity. However, the informal organization of the company kept things going and even managed to improve some production processes.

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Goals of Organizations

What is a goal? This simple question is hard to answer. It is somewhat easier to answer for an individual, but it becomes more and more difficult as we go from the goals of one person to two people to a small group to a large organization.

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Right now your goal may be to read the next sentence within one second. That is a specific and short-range goal. On the other hand, one of your goals may be to devote your life to productive service to your fellow man. That is a very broad and general goal and a very long range one. A third problem is how to measure progress toward a goal. The more specific and short-range the goal, the easier it is to know if you are making progress; the more general and long-range the goal, the harder.

If we try to define a goal for an organization, we still have the three problems of range, specificity and measurement. We also have an additional problem, for an organization is a group of people. "It is difficult to introduce the concept of organizational goals without refining the organization-treating it as something more than a system of interacting individuals". (Simon, 1964, p.2). If the organization is a small one, the goals of one especially powerful person may be the goals of the group or the members may talk until there is complete consensus about the goals. If all the members of the group share a very powerful belief, e.g., there is only one true God, then the goals of members and the goals of the organization will quite likely correspond to a high degree.

How does a group of people go about

making statements about the future when it disagrees not only about what the future should be but about what the present is? How great a variety of statements, over how great a time span, with how much generality or specificity, can an organization permit and still be an organization? Even if an organization can reach consensus or wide agreement on its goals at one time, how can the goals be changed as individuals within the group change or as the environment in which the organization exists changes?

Despite the problems and unanswered questions associated with defining goals, measuring progress toward goals, and finding ways of making statements of goals, organizations do have goals. They even try to state them explicitly. Some people leave organizations because their personal goals are incompatible with those of the organization. Others join the organization because they like its goals. In the end, whether the organization thrives or dies is based on whether there are enough people who will join and stay with the organization and whether the physical and social environment surrounding the organization is compatible with its goals?

Categories of Goals

All organizations have three different categories of goals. In one category are the

production goals. Organizations form to do something, and that something must be done efficiently and effectively. The army must win battles, the church must win converts, the hospital must provide aid and comfort, and the automobile company must produce cars and trucks.

In a second category are the integration goals. The organization must stay together long enough to get the jobs done and must remain intact to accomplish future jobs. Even if the rules which define the organization change, or particular jobs change, or particular people leave and others join the organization, the chances of continued existence must remain high. State University is still State University but the rules which students and faculty relate to each other have changed greatly in the last thirty years. Chrysler Corporation no longer makes 1929 Plymouths and does not make DeSoto automobiles at all but it is still Chrysler Corporation. The United States Army of 1812 and the United States Army of 1972 are recognizable as the same organization.

In a third category are the morale goals. The people in the company must find the jobs to be done interesting, engaging, stimulating, or at least worth doing. If the job is not or does not seem worth doing, then eventually it is not done and the production and integration goals are threatened.

Psychologist working with organizations need to know the goals of the company. They are aware of the three general categories of goals, but for each company they need to know the specific goals in each category. From knowledge of the specific goals psychologists attempt to develop criteria for measuring goal performance and thereby make their major contribution to the company.

CHAPTER III

MANAGERIAL ECONOMICS

Managerial economics is economics applied in decision making. It is a special branch of economics bridging the gap between abstract theory and managerial practice. Its stress is on the use of the tools of economic analysis in clarifying problems, in organizing -- and evaluating information, and in comparing alternative courses of action. While managerial economics is sometimes known as business economics, it encompasses methods and a point of view applicable both in business -- and in other institutions faced with optimization in decision making. Economics is sometimes defined as the study of the allocation of scarce social resources among unlimited ends. It follows that managerial economics is the study of the allocation of the resources available to a firm or other unit of management among the activities of that unit. Such a definition implies that managerial economics is concerned with choice with the selection among alternatives.

Managerial economics is pragmatic: It is concerned with analytical tools that are useful, that have proven themselves in practice, or that promise to improve decision making in the future. In the attempt to be

practical it cuts through many of the refinements of theory. While it avoids some of -- the most difficult abstract issues of economic theory, it inevitably involves complications that are ignored in theory, for it -- must face up to the total situation in which decisions are made.

One way to clarify the scope of a field of study is to discuss its relation to other subjects. Managerial economics has a close connection with microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, the theory of decision making, operations research, and statistics. The fully trained managerial economist integrates concepts and methods from all of these disciplines, bringing them to bear on managerial problems.

Microeconomic theory:

The main source of concepts and analytical tools for managerial economics is microeconomic theory, also known as price theory or -- Marshallian economics.

Macroeconomic theory:

The chief debt of managerial economics to macroeconomic theory is in the area of forecasting. Post-Keynesian aggregative theory -- (the theory of income and employment) has -- direct implications for forecasting general business conditions.

Since the prospects of an individual firm often depend greatly on business in general, individual firm forecasts depend on general business forecasts, which make use of models derived from theory.

The theory of Decision Making

The theory of decision making (closely related to and hardly separable from organization theory) is a relatively new subject that has a significance for managerial economics. Much of economic theory is based on the assumption of a single goal-maximization of utility for the individual or maximization of profit for the firm. It also usually rests on the assumption of certainty of perfect knowledge. The theory of decision making, in contrast, recognizes the multiplicity of goals and the pervasiveness of uncertainty in the real world of management. The theory of decision making often replaces the notion of a single optimum solution with the view that the objective is to find solutions that "satisfice" rather than maximize. It proves into an analysis of motivation, of the relation of rewards and aspiration levels, of patterns of influence and authority.

The theory of decision making is concerned with the processes by which expectations under conditions of uncertainty are formed. It recognizes the costs of collecting and processing information, the problem of

communication, and the need to reconcile the diverse objectives of individuals and interests in the organization. It requires the consideration of the psychological and sociological influences on human behavior.

Operations Research

Operations research is concerned with "model building" --with the construction of theoretical models that aid in decision making. Operations research is frequently concerned with optimization; economics has long dealt with the consequences of the maximization of profits or minimization of costs. The best way to describe operations research is to identify its recurrent techniques and models.

Statistics

Statistics provides the basis for the empirical testing of theory. Statistics is important because it provides the individual firm with measures of the appropriate functional relationships involved in decision making. It is not enough to state that the firm should base its pricing decisions on considerations of demand and cost. To take such action, the firm could use statistical measurements of the shape and position of the demand and cost functions.



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CHAPTER IV

(1) ACCOUNTING

Accounting, broadly conceived as the measurement and communication of economic information relevant to decision makers, has undergone dramatic changes during the past decade. Recent advances in quantitative methods, the behavioral sciences, and information technology are influencing current thinking in financial as well as managerial accounting. Leasing, pension plans, the use of convertible securities and warrants in mergers and acquisitions, inflation, and corporate diversification are but a few of the challenging problems facing the accountant.

Despite the mass of technical procedures and detailed financial reports, accounting is fundamentally concerned with managerial action in human organizations. It is therefore encouraging that the accountant's task is increasingly being viewed in terms of the contribution which he can make to the overall management of the enterprise rather than in terms of the more procedures by which he tries to achieve his own more limited financial objectives. People are now interested in the means by which the accountant contributes to the long-term direction of the enterprise.

An important aspect of the changing view of

accounting is that increasing attention is being given to its human and social dimensions. Both accountants and managers are now explicitly recognizing that it is impossible to deal adequately with accounting problems without also considering the motivations, values and behaviors of the human members of the enterprise. The accountant contributes to the success of an enterprise primarily by the way in which he influences the behavior of other people and, at least in theory, his procedures should be designed to stimulate managers and employees to behave in a manner which is likely to contribute to the effectiveness of the enterprise as a whole.

Accounting information is designed to serve as the basis for many important decisions both within and outside the enterprise. It is designed to assist in planning, coordinating and controlling complex and interrelated activities and to motivate people at all levels in the enterprise to make and implement those decisions which will further organizational purposes. Not surprisingly, the accounting procedures which are used to satisfy these and many other important organizational functions have become highly technical in nature. Economics is increasingly being used to provide a sound basis for selecting information which is relevant for decision making, mathematical skills now contribute to our potential for rigorously analyzing complex financial problems, and advances in computer

technology means that information is quickly available.

Accounting helps Management:

Most businesses that fail lack adequate records. Every businessman must keep books in order to know at all times his investment, inventory, sales, receipts, expenses, profits, losses, and net worth.

Business decisions must be based on facts. Managers of some firms watch their own progress so closely that they have financial reports prepared every hour; these reports tell them whether their decisions are justified by the facts. A manufacturer must know his production costs in order to set his prices; a retailer must watch his sales and inventory closely or the two will be out of balance. Every business must constantly watch expenses. The only way an adequate check can be maintained is through keeping accounting records.

Financial Statements:

When people speak of financial statements, they usually refer to both the Balance Sheet and the Income Statement.

The Balance Sheet:

A balance sheet shows the financial condition of a business at a given date. It reports - how much a business has, how much it owes, - and what its net worth is. What it has is -- shown on the asset side; what it owes is shown on the liability side; and its net worth is the difference between assets and liabilities. The assets are the physical properties of the company, such as cash, buildings, equipment, and other property. The liabilities are the debts of the company, such as amounts owed to firms from which it has bought merchandise.

On both sides of the balance sheet there are subdivisions. These are helpful in interpreting the statement. Some of the more important classifications follow.

Current Assets include cash and other items that will ordinarily be converted into cash - in the normal operations of a business. The merchandise inventory is a current asset - because it is converted into cash when it is sold. Accounts receivable - the amount owed by customers are current assets because they will usually be paid in 30 or 60 days.

Prepaid Expenses are payments a company has made for supplies or services that it will -- ordinarily use in its business. For example, the wrapping paper and cardboard boxes a department store has on hand constitute prepaid expenses. The company may have purchased a - six-month supply, which is a prepaid expense until it is used. When a firm pays its insurance or taxes in advance, the amounts are - classified as prepaid expenses until they are expended and are listed with the company's - assets. Each of these items is generally classified on the balance sheet as a current -- asset since they will be consumed in the next fiscal year.

Fixed Assets are the permanent properties - used for business purposes. Land, buildings, and equipment are of this type and are classified as fixed assets.

Through use and the passage of time, there is a decrease in the value of fixed assets. This decline is referred to as depreciation. Depreciation will continue as long as the asset is in use. In the preparation of a balance -- sheet, the accumulated amount of depreciation on a fixed asset should be deducted from the - original cost. This procedure gives the present value of the asset.

Current Liabilities are debts that must be paid within a year. The suppliers of merchandise usually require payment in 30 to 60 days after making shipment. Amounts owed to them on open account are referred to as accounts payable; amounts owed on signed notes are called notes payable.

Fixed Liabilities are the debts of a company that will be outstanding for a long period of time. A 20-year mortgage for the purchase of a building and bonds sold to finance a company are good illustrations of fixed liabilities.

The profit and loss statement

Not all important financial information is revealed by the balance sheet. It tells nothing about the income or expense of a business. The report that presents this information is the profit and loss statement. (Sometimes it is called the income and expense statement, or the income statement.)

All profit and loss statements cover a period of time. The five important items that appear on almost every profit and loss statement are sales, cost of goods sold, gross profit, operating expenses, and net profit.

The sales are the major source of income for most businesses. Because of their importance,

they are placed at the top of the statement. The cost of goods sold is subtracted from the sales in order to secure the gross profit. The gross profit is the margin of profit that a merchant receives on his sales.

After the gross profit (sometimes called gross margin) is determined, the operating expenses are deducted in order to find the net profit or net income. Usually the operating expenses will be itemized in some manner in order to give greater information on the operations of the company.

Depreciation, or the annual reduction in value of fixed assets, is one of the important items of operating expenses. The cost of fixed assets should never be included under operating expenses; only their depreciation should be listed.

The net profit on a profit and loss statement is found by subtracting operating expenses from the gross margin. It will always appear near the bottom and is the most important figure on the entire report, because it is a measure of the success or failure of the business.

Journals and Ledgers

Accounting must provide a complete record so that no important financial detail in the history of a business is omitted. In order -

to provide this information, the first record of a transaction is made in a journal-sometimes called a book of original entry. This Journal provides a permanent explanation of the day-to-day activities of the business. In a well-kept journal, one should be able to refer to any period of time, even a time long past, and find what financial transactions took place.

Usually, large businesses will have several kinds of journals in which to record various transactions. The important kinds are cash-receipts journal, cash-payments journal, sales journal, purchases journal, and general journal.

After the day-to-day entries have been made in the journals, the amounts are transferred to accounts in the ledger. This process is called posting. In this book are accounts for such classifications as cash, accounts receivable, sales, purchases, and dozens of other categories that appear on the financial statements. The ledger is a book of final entry, and it is a permanent record. By looking at the sales account in the ledger, for example, a merchant can tell how his sales have changed from day to day or from year to year. Whenever financial statements are prepared, the final amounts are taken from the ledger.

The three important ledgers that most busi-

nesses keep are general ledger, accounts-receivable ledger, and accounts-payable ledger.

The general ledger is a book that includes all the accounts of the business-assets, liabilities, incomes, and expenses. Additions and reductions are entered in these accounts.

The cash account in the general ledger, is a two-sided form:

C A S H			
Received		Paid Out	
Jan 1	\$ 150	Jan 10	\$ 10
12	200	15	40

The amounts received are entered on the left and those paid out on the right. The difference between the two sides is the cash on hand.

Details of accounts receivable (amounts people owe us) and accounts payable (amounts owed to them) are usually kept in special ledgers that are separated from the general ledger. The accounts-receivable ledger contains a record of the amount each customer owes.

The accounts-payable ledger is a record of the

amounts owed to others. Although smaller than the accounts-receivable ledger, it is usually large enough to require the work of several -- full-time clerks.



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We can recognize from this list that goals -- other than wealth or utility maximization -- have been set forth and that goals for different participants--stockholders, labor, customers, management, and so on--have been emphasized. Our judgment, however, is that the most relevant theories can be built on the principle of stockholder wealth maximization, and that the other goals should be taken as constraints limiting stockholder wealth maximization. In other words, corporate managers have their own personal goals as well as stockholder wealth maximization in mind when they make decisions. The managers of a firm may, for example, prefer to emphasize risk avoidance, the prestige that is attached to public service (as opposed to concentrating on running the business), and so on. Recognizing this, executive compensation plans emphasize incentives--bonuses, stock option plans, and so on--designed to stimulate management to operate in the stockholders' best long-run interests. At the same time, proxy fights, tender offers, and the like, present serious threats to a management that is not operating in the best interests of its stockholders. These pressures, we believe, serve to make stockholder wealth maximization a realistic, operational assumption in most situations.

Financial Policy Decision Models

Financial decisions affect both the size of

the earnings stream, or profitability, and the riskiness of the firm. Policy decisions affect risk and profitability, and these two factors jointly determine the value of the firm.

The primary policy decision is that of choosing the industry in which to operate the product-market mix of the firm. When this choice has been made, both profitability and risk are determined by decisions relating to the size of the firm, the types of equipment that are used, the extent to which debt is employed, the firm's liquidity position, and so on.

These decisions generally affect both risk and profitability. An increase in the cash position, for instance, reduces risk; but since cash is not an earning asset, it also reduces profitability. Similarly, the use of additional debt will raise the rate of return or the profitability of the stockholders' net worth; at the same time, more debt means more risk. Financial analysis seeks to strike the particular balance between risk and profitability that will maximize the wealth of the firm's stockholders.

Business decision models have been designed to help solve various types of problems, including wealth maximization. Models are symbolic representations of some aspects of the world, and they consist of sets of variables and the relationships among them. In the

most general terms, a model relates control -- variables and uncontrolled variables to out--put or performance. The solution to the model consists of determining the values of controllable variables that maximize performance. -- (including minimizing cost).

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PRODUCTION

The Production and Operations Function

Wealth comes only from production. Those who agree with this position do so after first -- having defined wealth and production in a certain way. To begin with, wealth would be considered to be the aggregate amount of goods -- and services that had been generated during -- some given time period. Goods would include such things as automobiles, clothing, houses, food, furniture, roads, ships, books, radios, television sets, airplanes, schools, dams, -- paintings, sculptures, pencils, and medicines. Services would be represented by the end result of activities engaged in by such individuals as physicians, salespeople, lawyers, -- teachers, barbers, clergymen, entertainers, -- repairmen, computer programmers, reporters, -- economists, waitresses, accountants, administrators, pilots, truck drivers, cooks, and policemen.

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is a very broad one and, as such, does not coincide with the fairly common one in which production is equated with manufacturing. Instead, the position being maintained is that there is no difference in principle between an action which provides someone with a tangible material item and an action which provides someone with information, advice, help, aid or assistance. In either case, something is being produced which did not exist earlier.

Unfortunately, many individuals and organizations continue to apply the term "production" solely to the manufacturing activity. Therefore, the task of instilling and understanding and an acceptance of the more comprehensive meaning of the term remains to be completed. The efforts that have been expended in an attempt to accomplish this have manifested themselves in many forms. A fairly recent one is to substitute the word "operations" for "production", with the result that references to operations management rather than production management are appearing with increasing frequency.

Given our definition of the operations function, it follows that every organization is engaged in the production of either a physical good or a service.

The organization may be a manufacturing firm, hospital, educational institution, government-

tal agency, department store, warehouse, consulting firm, automobile distributor, or the like. As this suggests, production is essential to any organization's continued existence and, of course, to society's well-being. But other activities are equally important. One of these other activities is marketing. Specifically, most organizations must engage in market research to determine the nature of the market for their products or services and, then, must promote, sell, and distribute these products or services.

However, production and marketing require the expenditure of money which, it is hoped, will be recovered through the revenues these activities will bring about. But in the meantime, the production and marketing functions must be financed, and methods for doing so must be developed and exercised.

Finally, successful results in the areas of production, marketing, and finance can be attained only through the efforts of qualified people. Hence, it becomes necessary that an organization concern itself with personnel recruitment, selection, training, motivation, and management.

In brief, the typical manufacturing or service organization can be looked upon as representing a system whose elements are production, marketing, finance, and personnel relations. It is a system in the sense that these func-

tions are interrelated and, therefore, must -- be coordinated because what is done in any -- one of these areas will have an effect on the others. This can be illustrated with reference to the production activity. The character of the firm's marketing program will affect -- the demand for its products, and this will determine what is to be produced and the quantities to be produced. Similarly, the firm's financial position will affect the amount of money available for capital expenditures, and -- this may affect the type of facilities which -- can be made available for production purposes. In the same manner, the firm's personnel policies will have an influence on the caliber and morales of the work force, and the consequences will manifest themselves in the production area. As all this suggests, operations management is not independent of marketing, financial and personnel management.

Conversely, the consequences of decisions in -- the operations area will be felt in the organization's other functional areas. As examples, we might note that a firm's production capacity will affect what and how much can be sold, that the nature of the production processes -- will influence the level of required expenditures for equipment and buildings, and that the kind of operations performed will determine -- the type of personnel needed. To say that production is a system is to say -- that the operations activity consists of a --

number of interrelated elements. Some of -- these are performed in sequence, while others are carried out concurrently. The important thing, however, is that the manner in which -- one element of the operations activity is conducted will most likely have an effect on one or more of the other elements. This becomes evident when we consider what is involved in the management of a firm's operations.

The operations personnel in any organization can be said to have four basic responsibilities. These are to produce the firm's products or services in a way such that (1) quantity requirements will be satisfied, (2) established delivery or completion dates will be met, (3) quality requirements will be fulfilled, and (4) the most economical methods for accomplishing the foregoing will have been -- selected and applied.

Quantity requirements and established completion dates will, of course, reflect the demands of the consumers of the firm's products -- or services. To satisfy these demands, operating personnel, as a rule, will be compelled to plan the production activity prior to the point at which the demands actually occur. This is true for a number of reasons. First, unless the required factors of production are on hand at the time an order for a given -- quantity is received, it is unlikely that the delivery date desired by the customer can be met, because the time required to procure man

power, materials, equipment, and buildings - usually far exceeds what is generally accepted as being a reasonable delivery time. And second, even if this were not the case, the firm that would procure and utilize factors of production only at the time at which they are required to satisfy customer orders would, more often than not, find that it would be - producing and purchasing in uneconomic lot sizes and experiencing wide fluctuations in the output capacity required at any single moment, this would serve to generate excessive costs.

For these reasons, every concern engages in production planning. This involves forecasting the demand for the firm's products and services and translating this forecast into its equivalent demand for various factors of production. These resultant factor-of production demand schedules might be adjusted - to eliminate wide fluctuations or to permit producing and purchasing in economic lot sizes. In their final form, however, they provide the operations manager with information on the kind and amount of materials, manpower, and production facilities which will be required at various future points in time. Arrangements can then be made to procure these factors of production prior to the times at which they will actually be needed. Doing so facilitates the production department's being able to meet delivery dates on orders it subsequently receives.

However, even if the needed factors of production are on hand at the time actual orders are received, quantity requirements and stipulated delivery dates can be satisfied only if steps are taken to utilize these factors in an efficient manner. This calls for scheduling the required work, providing operating departments with necessary instructions, checking on production progress, and -- inaugurating corrective action when such action is needed. All this is called "production control".

But as has been mentioned, in addition to - being responsible for satisfying quantity requirements and meeting stipulated delivery - dates, the operations manager is also responsible for the quality of the organization's output. The quality of goods and services - can be maintained only if measures are employed which will increase the likelihood that the firm's output will meet specifications. Such measures are available, and they are referred to as the techniques of "quality control".

And finally, we have noted that operating - personnel are expected to produce the organization's products and services not only in - the required quantities, at the required times, and with the required quality, but also in the most economical manner. As a consequence, methods analyses must be made of the

alternative ways on which the firm's goods - and services can be produced with a view toward determining the most efficient of these alternative work methods. Also, a need is - created for materials handling analyses and for plant and office layout analyses whose - purpose is to develop a handling system and and arrangement of departments and work stations which will serve to minimize the cost to be associated with the movement of personnel and materials from one location to another. To continue, inventory control becomes a necessity, because inventory levels of supplies, raw materials, component parts, - and finished goods will affect, among other things, the cost of carrying inventories and the risk of shortages and the corresponding stockout costs. Furthermore, work measurements techniques must be applied to ascertain the amount of time that should be required to perform a task so that the labor costs generated by the production activity can be controlled. And in many cases, the cost of operations can be reduced still further - through the use of wage incentives which motivate operating personnel to maximize their efficiency by relating their earnings to the quantity and the quality of their output.

To summarize all this, operations managers - must concern themselves with a number of interrelated areas. In the order in which we - have considered them, they are production planning, production control, quality control,

methods analysis, materials handling, plant - layout, inventory control, work measurement - and wage incentives. This is not to suggest, however, that operations managers will not become involved in other areas of decision making. They will, and some of the specific -- ones are plant location, building design, and product development. Also, because the decisions made in the functional fields of marketing, finance, and personnel will affect the production activity and vice versa, production managers will be expected to contribute to the solution of marketing, financial, and personnel problems.

CHAPTER VII

MARKETING

Definition

Marketing is a total system of interacting -- business activities designed to plan, price, promote, and distribute want-satisfying products and services to present and potential customers.

The Marketing Concept

As business administrators increasingly recognize that marketing is vitally important to the success of a firm as they realize that a business is a marketing organization, an entirely new way of business thinking and business life is evolving. It is called the marketing concept, and it has developed as production- and engineering-oriented firms have changed into market-oriented structures.

The marketing concept is based on two fundamental beliefs. First, all company planning, policies, and operations should be oriented toward the customer; second, profitable sales volume should be the goal of a firm. In its fullest sense, the marketing concept is a philosophy of business which states that the customer's want satisfaction is the economic and social justification of a company's

existence. Consequently, all company activities in production, engineering, and finance, as well as in marketing, must be devoted to, first, determining what the customer's wants are and, then, satisfying these wants while still marking a reasonable profit.

Distinction between the Marketing Concept and Marketing:

Administrators must recognize that there is a significant difference between the marketing concept and marketing itself. The marketing concept is a philosophy, and attitude, or a course of business thinking, while marketing is a process or a course of business action. Naturally the way of thinking determines the course of action.

Marketing Management: The Application of the Marketing Concept

For a business enterprise to realize the full fruits of the marketing concept, the philosophy must be translated into practice. This means that (1) the marketing activities in a firm must be better organized, coordinated, and managed, and (2) the chief marketing executive must be accorded a more important role in total company planning and policy making than has been generally true in the past. As these two changes take place, we

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of marketing management. Marketing manage-
ment is the marketing concept in action.

Evolution of marketing management

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Marketing management has been developing in
American business since the Industrial Revolu-
tion. Roughly, it has gone through three --
stages of development, and a fourth is emer-
ging. However, many small companies are --
still in one of the earlier stages of marke-
ting organization. Only a few firms have --
the most developed form of marketing organi-
zation and the outlook and philosophy that -
go with it.

Primer
Early in the first period of development, -
company organization for marketing is simple.
Manufacturers have sales departments headed
by a sales manager whose major responsibility
is to operate the sales force. Other marke-
ting activities, such as market planning, ad-
vertising, and marketing research, are gene-
rally unknown; product planning and budge-
ting are the responsibilities of other depar-
tments. As markets expand, manufacturers --
are obliged to make more use of middlemen,
thus lengthening the channels of distribu-
tion and increasing the complexity of marke-
ting problems. A manufacturer then must de-
vote more attention to reaching his final --
customers, and he has to work more closely -

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Market conditions which develop during this -
period force manufacturers to expand into spe-
cialized marketing activities such as resear-
ch, advertising, and export sales. These fun-
ctions are assigned to various executives.
The department responsible for selling the --
company's output is called the sales depart-
ment, and its chief executive typically still
has the title "sales manager" or "Director of
Sales". Planning the product and scheduling -
output are the responsibilities of the produ-
ction manager. During the second stage, a --
better appreciation and understanding of the
broad scope of sales management result in two
important changes in the organizational stru-
ctures of many firms. First, all marketing -
activities, such as advertising, marketing re-
search, and sales promotion, are grouped un-
der one marketing executive, although he is -
still typically called sales manager or vice-
president of sales. Second, activities such
as sales training, product servicing, and sa-
les analysis, which were formerly in depart-
ments outside of sales or marketing, now are
put under the marketing umbrella. While each
of the several divisions (advertising, sales
analysis, etc.) may have a separate manager,
all report to the chief sales executive.

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In the third stage of the evolutionary pro-
cess, some companies have adopted the marke-
ting concept and put it into action through -

the medium of fully integrated marketing management. The chief marketing executive in such a company is often called the marketing manager or has the title "vice-president of marketing". He is aligned with the top men in production and finance, and sometimes personnel, to work with the president as the company's top planning and policy-making group. After studying the changing role of the marketing function, Bund and Carroll stated that their research "lends substance to the position that the marketing plan is increasingly accepted as the cornerstone for a company's total planning effort. This does not mean that the marketing man need be supreme. It signifies only that marketing must be accorded a key role in company management.

Furthermore, executives in production, finance, and engineering can all adopt the marketing concept in their thinking and yet not be involved directly in marketing departmental activities.

Under the concept of marketing management, several activities which traditionally are the province of the production manager, financial manager, or other executives become the responsibility of the marketing manager. For instance, inventory control, transportation, warehousing, and aspects of product

planning are often turned over to the marketing manager. Obviously he must coordinate his efforts with those of the production manager and engineer and with the top financial executive, but in the final analysis the marketing manager makes the decisions regarding packaging, labeling, design, color, and other product features. The marketing manager should be introduced at the beginning rather than at the end of the production cycle so that he can integrate marketing into each stage of the operations.

Historically, we are now living in this period of marketing organization.

Studies show that, to a large extent, the marketing concept has been adopted by both large and medium-sized manufacturing companies. How well they have actually implemented the concept, however, is still a moot question. Probably in many cases a company, while using the appropriately fashionable titles and other external trappings, is still paying little more than lip service to the concept. We know that market orientation can come in many forms and degrees. Probably only a small percentage of firms, for example, have established a formal, written marketing program to achieve their marketing goals. The key to implementing the marketing concept successfully is a favorable attitude on the part of

top management. Marketing begins with top management. Only top management can provide the climate, the discipline, and the leadership required for a successful marketing program. Top management must know the customers and the prospects; it must set the objectives, establish the policies, develop the plans, and create the organization.

Some companies are entering a fourth stage with respect to their marketing development. In this stage a company moves from the marketing concept to a philosophy in which the entire company becomes a marketing organization. It is not a development which can be represented in an organization chart. Rather this stage is reached when the inner attitudes of all company executives change so that the whole firm functions to develop, manufacture, and sell a product from the marketing point of view. Marketing becomes the basic motivating force for the entire firm, and marketing increasingly conditions all short-term and long-range company policies.

As a firm enters this fourth era it will become increasingly apparent that the marketing concept must permeate the entire company, starting with the board of directors and the president. These executives determine the nature of the business and are responsible for developing an overall program. Major marketing policy making should be the

function of the board of directors, and the president becomes the chief marketing executive.

CHAPTER VIII

DATA PROCESSING

Data processing is the recording and processing of the information necessary to a business. A data-processing system consists of the methods and equipment used to record and process such information and should provide for urgent and exceptional situations, as well as normal ones. Many methods exist from simple paper-and-pencil methods to complex automatic, electronic, and integrated data-processing systems.

Each system collects information and carries it along to its prescribed destination. In general, interest has increased in automatic data processing. New automatic devices are constantly being devised that have wide application to almost every business operation, and executive ingenuity is busy organizing management procedures to take advantage of the revolutionary techniques and to integrate them within those organizations that can profit from data processing.

Computing systems

Basically, there are three different data-processing systems. They may be classified as (1) mechanical-processing systems, (2) punched-card systems, and (3) electronic systems.

The simplest type is the mechanical-processing system. It includes all those machines that individuals must operate. Adding machines, calculating machines, billing machines, and similar equipment fall into this category. For small businesses and for some large business operations these devices are very useful. At one time, they were the only mechanical-computing devices available.

A second type of data-processing system is the punched-card system. With this equipment, information is registered by means of small holes punched on a card. Printed information is commonly placed in punched-card form by an operator at a semi-automatic machine called a key punch. When the operator hits a key on the keyboard, which resembles that of a typewriter, a positioned hole is punched in the card instead of a letter or number. Cards can be automatically punched when the information comes directly from an electronic computer system. Other machines can sort and do arithmetic calculations. The results can be printed on paper or punched into answer cards. The "language" of punched holes differs from that of letters and numbers in appearance, but the conversion from one to the other by association of the position of the holes on the card and by combinations of holes is quite simple. A variety of machines has been developed for sorting, tabulating, computing, and printing from information recorded on punched cards.

The most advanced type of data-processing system available to business is the electronic system, which is usually referred to as the computer. Since electricity moves at almost the speed of light, these machines are capable of performing operations at amazing speeds and have revolutionized many business operations. In the decade since the first modern electronic computers went into operation, they have become an integral part of the equipment for large business firms and the natural and social sciences. There is also good evidence that medium- and small-sized companies can make profitable use of computers. Within the last few years, many of these smaller firms have replaced punched-card systems with transistorized computers.

Programming

Programming is the most difficult part of running a computer. After the machine has been programmed, running it is essentially a simple operation of pushing buttons. However, no thing can be done until there is a correct program in the machine. As already mentioned, the instructions must be given to the machines in complete detail. A program consists of a sequence of steps that fully describe how a particular operation is to be performed. Many hours may be spent in developing a program and making sure it works properly. Complex problems require programs that cost

thousands of dollars to develop. In fact, -- the activity of programming is so specialized that people may spend many years learning all the techniques involved.

Data-Processing Centers

Many firms have a need for automatic data-processing equipment but do not have a large enough volume of work to justify an installation. To take care of this need, many data-processing centers have been established throughout the United States to perform jobs on a shop basis. Business firms can bring their technical problems to the centers and have specialists handle the complicated work for them.

CHAPTER IX

STATISTICS

The meaning of Statistics:

Statistics is conceived as a mass of figures or a collection of data. The often repeated phrase "Statistics show..." is likely to imply that a given mass of figures contains salient and unalterable characteristics that -- can easily be discerned among the mass by any person of normal intelligence. That the word statistics may apply to certain aggregates of figures is not to be denied, but that important facts contained therein are easily detected is by no means always true.

A second meaning of statistics is simply the plural of statistic, where a statistic is a -- certain kind of measure used to evaluate a -- selected property of the collection of items under investigation.

A third meaning of statistics is of prime concern to us, it is the science of assembling -- analyzing, characterizing, and interpreting -- collections of data. In this sense, statistics is a field of study, a doctrine concerned with mathematical characterizations of aggregate of items.

Statistics, as a science, is fundamentally a branch of applied mathematics, just as --

mechanics is mathematics applied to problems connected with bodies subjected to forces. In statistics, the applications may be made to almost any aggregate of observation or measurements. For this reason it is useful in business, economics, sociology, biology, psychology, education, physics, chemistry, agriculture, and related fields.

Definition of Population:

A population is a totality of all actual or -- conceivable objects of a certain class under -- consideration. More precisely, a population -- consists of numerical values connected with -- these objects. Such aggregates may be finite or infinite, real or fictitious.

Definition of Sample:

A sample is a finite number of objects selected from the population. If these are chosen in such a manner that one object has as good a chance of being selected as another, we say that we have a random sample.

Random Sampling Numbers

Because of the extreme care that must sometimes be exercised in the selection of a sample that is truly random, statisticians frequently employ a "table of random digits". These --

digits have been produced by a mechanical or electronic process that ensures that each digit obtained is essentially independent of the digit previously obtained and is to be treated as the result of pure chance.

The Nature of Statistics

The field of statistics is extensive and varied, therefore it may be helpful to describe it in terms of certain dichotomies that characterize it.

Statistical investigations may be descriptive or inferential. Generally the former type involves fairly simple techniques; the latter demands a somewhat higher order of critical judgment and mathematical methods.

Suppose that we are confronted with a set of measurements or observations actually obtained from life. Such a set usually represents a complex of data from which it is possible to extract an almost unlimited amount of information. The task of the statistician is to select a few procedures and measures by means of which the significant aspects of the given data may be thrown into high relief. These aspects may be obtained by means of classification, graphing, and averaging. Because we are concerned only with an effective characterization of the given data themselves as they

come to us through observation, and not with estimates or conclusions involving theoretically related populations, we shall distinguish this type of statistical analysis by means of the word descriptive. This analysis, confined exclusively to the data before us, deals with methods of recording or tabulating the constituent items, with their visual presentation, with the properties of various kinds of measures, with devices for computing them, and, in fact, with all means of giving a summary description of the data themselves.

The second type of statistical investigation is concerned with conclusions about the population that may be drawn from the data in the sample. If the data are on a large scale they may be treated as practically equivalent to the population and the properties of the sample may be considered to be like those of the population. Sometimes the sample data may constitute the population itself. If the data form a small sample drawn from the population we usually seek to derive the properties of the population from the limited information contained within the sample. It is clear that in any case we must make certain assumptions and interpret our results in the light of them. Theoretical analysis of this type is based upon the mathematical theory of probability. A second dichotomy arises in a consideration of the theoretical and the practical aspects of statistics. Mathematical or theoretical statistics seeks to derive the

laws which various populations of data and samples derived from them obey, these populations being more or less definitely specified. Applied or methodological statistics uses the theoretical results as models for the solution of practical problems. A third dichotomy occurs in considering the source of the data to be analyzed. If the data are already gathered and you have had no control over them, then you must find out what you can -- from what you have available. On the other hand, you may consider first the objectives of your investigation and then plan an appropriate experiment from which you can collect significant data. Here you have some control over the kind and amount of data desired. Problems connected with efficiently planned statistical experiments come under the heading of The Design of Experiments. Large sample methods are most useful when the data are already in; small sample techniques predominate when you gather information from an appropriate experiment.

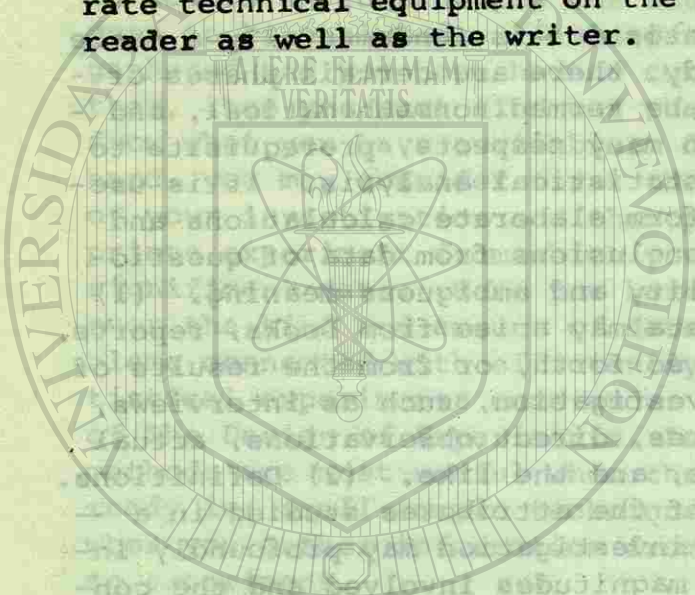
The data of statistics consist essentially of numerical values derived from measurements, observations, interviews, experiments, and so on-values that, in a given set, are generally different and unpredictable. Such magnitudes are called random or chance variables, because many chance causes operate to produce them. The theory of probability deals with such variables and is the cornerstone of mathematical statistics. The word variate is often used to

denote a numerical outcome that is the result of chance.

Some Nonmathematical Aspects

Although statistics is fundamentally a mathematical study, there are certain phases of it that may be termed nonmathematical, and that are, in many respects, prerequisite to successful statistical analysis. It is useless to perform elaborate calculations and to derive conclusions from data of questioned reliability and ambiguous meaning. (1) Sources. Data may arise from books, reports, tables, and so forth, or from the results of original investigation, such as interviews, questionnaires, direct observations, actual measurements, and the like. (2) Definitions. The nature of the attributes studied in a statistical investigation may profoundly influence the magnitudes involved and the conclusions drawn; for this reason it is essential that basic terms be clearly understood. It is often necessary to make precise definitions, or to describe in detail the method of measurement. (3) Purposes. The nature and extent of a statistical study are determined largely by the purpose in view. Frequently, the objective is a single concise result displayed in a manner readily understood by "the man on the street". In such cases, finely drawn distinctions, precise mathematical results, and distracting details may be sacrificed to a simple, graphic representa--

tion that catches the eye and impresses the mind. Other investigations may aim to establish a thesis or to destroy one-by means - of a comprehensive analysis of all relevant factors. Such studies often require elaborate technical equipment on the part of the reader as well as the writer.



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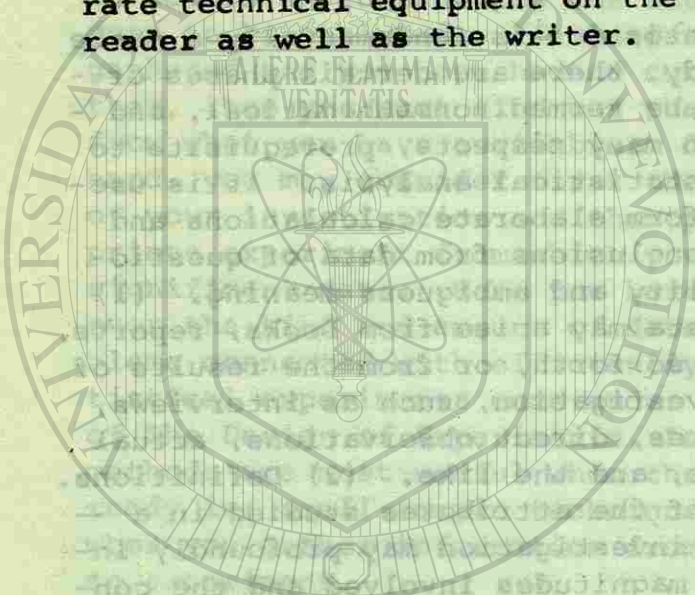
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