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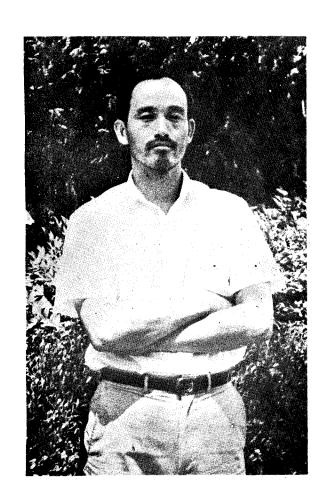
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献给母亲,她给了我永恒的爱——朱嘉明

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道,可道;非常道。名,可名;非常名。

——老子

在斯密一穆勒一马歇尔的理 论中,经济像一棵树一样成长。 经济过程无疑暴露在外部因素的 干扰之下。这些因素不是经济的 或不是严格意义上的经济的。但 是经济过程本身却稳定地、连续 地进行……我认为事实并非如此。

---J.A. 熊彼特

ABSTRACT

ON DISEQUILIBRIUM GROWTH

1 Up to the present, the dominant thinking in the study of economic growth in modern macroeconomics has been the classical school of general equilibrium, which was first developed by French economist Leon Walras.

The beginning of the postwar era saw the famous "Keynesian revolution" in economics. Keynes did use something like "disequilibrium" in his analysis, but his theory as a whole shows a strong character of traditional method of general equilibrium. Keynes focused on problems of a short term nature rather than those that require a long-term study. In his view, everything would cease to exist in the long term. Nevertheless, the issue of economic

growth is essentially a dynamic problem of a long term nature.

The non-equilibrium analysis was established in late 1960s and has developed since. But so far there has only been emphasis on market problems, with no special research into the issue of economic growth; the limitation is obvious.

This book aims at presenting a theoretical framework of disequilibrium. In other words, it ventures to put forth certain basic ideas and provide some essentials of disequilibrium growth.

2 The study here is not normative, for what is described is the nature of disequilibrium growth rather than what it "should be". Besides, the mode of study is not a standard "positive". Based on the selective but systematical research into the history of modern economics, one can find some primary idea of disequilibrium which is logically implied in the traditional theory

of general equilibrium, especially in its various models of economic growth. The history of human thought, economic thinking inclusive, shows that there has only been a relative innovation in a newly established theory. The reason is obvious, no one can claim himself capable of exempting blood lineage from tradition.

3 The most important theoretical hypothesis of this work is that the issue of disequilibrium is more realistic than the so-called general equilibrium. According to the doctrine of equilibrium, the output increment of productivity in a given period is constantly equal to the increment of real output. In other words, the growth rate of total economic output is equal to that of capital inventory. The extreme expression of equilibrium growth is: economic speed is constant; it never changes. Even when disturbed by some exogenous variables, it will still be converged to the unique,

constant and uniform motion of the growth locus. In this respect, there is no actual difference between Neoclassical and Neocambridge school, not any difference between Post-Keynesian and Janos Kornai.

One term should be mentioned here, however: the so-called "optimal growth" means that the theory of equilibrium should be combined with the value judgment.

The first hypothesis for the theory of disequilibrium growth may be as follows: it is true for all kinds of economic systems that there are always several tracks of economic growth from the start, there are still probabilities for the growth to move from one track to another. As it is only possible to get the real growth other than the theoretical one, it is difficult to make a judgment of which one is the optimal. In real growth there has never been any equilibrium between total supply and total demand, the case always being surplus supply or surplus demand, or both partial

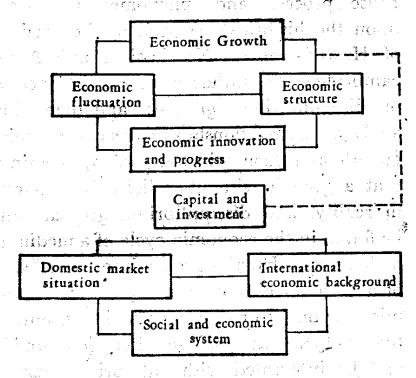
surplus at the same time. In any case, there has always been the idleness of resourses, which means that the increment of real output isn't equal to the increment of productivity—involuntary unemployment and inflation are the normal and typical phenomena of disequilibrium. Growth can intensify the disequilibrium or weaken it, but it can never cancel it.

4 Various models of economic growth are too simplified to give a proper explanation of the complication of real economy. The reason is that all of them are described by the method of production function, which can only explain the economic growth in the meaning of microeconomics.

Both theory and reality show that the production function is not convincing in explaining the growth of macroeconomy, which is restricted by a dynamic and complicated economic structure in the long run. First, economic growth is decided

by the situation of economic fluctuation and structure; second, the situation of economic fluctuation and structure is decided by the level of capital and investment; third, there is an important linkage between economic structure and investment, that is, technological innovation and progress; fourth, special market background would define the economic structure and the level of investment which are strongly under the influence of the financial and pricing environment; fifth, in an open economy, the domestic economic growth is both directly and indirectly affected by the world economy, especially by international relationship of trade and exchange rate; and sixth, all the above will be finally adjusted by the social and economic system of a nation. A chart is given as follows:

The disequilibrium nature of economic growth is determined fundamentally by the instability and uncertainty of the factors inside the complicated economic structure;



in other words, disequilibrium is the inherent law of growth.

The book consists of four parts with specific study on the equilibrium nature of economic growth arranged as follows:

Part one (Chapters 1—7) discusses the general theory of disequilibrium, including the

cause, process and phenomenon. upon the historical research of the models of Harrod-Domar, Neoclassical and Neocambridge, the author abstracts the theory of disequilibrium growth; and then, he analyzes the relationship between economic growth and economic fluctuation, stressing that a growth without cyclicity is senseless in reality, and disequilibrium growth can be found in the economic cycle of a medium or long run. He also probes into the effects of a national economic structure on economic growth. In real economic life, productive factors and resourse allocation should first be integrated with enterprises, trades and industries to make up an economic structure in which all industrial sectors are dynamically and organically interrelated and interdependent.

Both economic fluctuation and structure change are affected by the progress of science and technology, and what should be stressed is that technical progress is relatively independent and characterized by complexity and uncertainty. An orbit of technical progress exists which may or may not be synchronous with that of economic growth; in either case it aggravates the unstability and disequilibrium of the economy.

The theory of neutral technical progress is backed on the method of production function which is an indispensable part of the theory of static equilibrium.

The author also explores the relationship between investment and disequilibrium, especially the innate character of equilibrium of the model of IS-LM, trying to find in the traditional theory elements of disequilibrium, which of course is implied in its strongly held view of equilibrium. For example, if the theory of investment multiplier is tenable, that means there is an insufficiency of effective demand; yet if one admits that the idleness of resources is true, that means disequilibrium is an established

fact.

In his research the author has studied the relations between the price system, financial market and economic growth, upon which the economic structure is established and developed, and they are still the very backgrounds of technical innovation and economic fluctuation. Fluctuation itself gives eloquent proof of disequilibrium. For example, the phenomenon of inflation is something that can never be overcome in modern economy, so that the economic growth that is linked with inflation would not allow resources to reach the so-called "Paretian Optimum"; in other words, nothing is truer than disequilibrium.

The end of this part discusses the factors of international economics, especially the effects of international trade and exchange rate on the growth of a national economy. In an open economy, there are frequent movements of resources and labor, as well as those of commodities. There