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## Preface

The study on which this book is based was undertaken in 1963 and carried out intermittently over seven years. It presents certain ideas that we have reached through a consideration of the economic growth experienced in France since the end of World War II.

The first impetus for this work came to us from Professors M. Abramovitz and S. Kuznets and from the Social Science Research Council, who encouraged parallel research on growth in seven industrial countries: Germany, Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy, Japan, and Sweden. We had the pleasure of meeting the authors of the studies on these other countries twice, in London in January 1964 and at Saltsjöbaden, Sweden, in July 1965. Although no systematic coordination of these studies has been attempted, we satisfied ourselves during these two meetings that we were pursuing similar goals and were following the same methods.

As our study was taking shape, it was the subject of numerous papers and discussions at the Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (INSEE) within the framework of the research conferences of the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes. We benefited from the advice and suggestions of persons too numerous to mention. But among those to whom we must especially express our gratitude are MM. L. Blanc, R. Froment, C. Gruson, J. Mayer, C. Prou, J. Ripert, L. A. Vincent, J. Ullmo, and Y. Younès. Above all, our friend P. Berthet, now dead before his time, contributed to this project at its outset and through all of its subsequent stages. May our work meet the high standards of quality he always set. Finally, by numerous suggestions Professor M. Abramovitz helped us improve the first rough drafts of this book.

Our study does not, of course, commit either the organizations to which we belong or the many people who have helped us. But it is inspired to a great extent by what we have learned from both.

# Abbreviations

BIPE	Bureau d'Information et de Prévision Economique
BNCI	Banque Nationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie
CEPREL	Centre d'Etude et de Prévision Economique à Long Terme
CETA	Centres d'Etudes Techniques Agricoles
CGP	Commissariat Général du Plan
CNJA	Centre National des Jeunes Agriculteurs
CREDOC	Centre de Recherches et de Documentation sur la Consommation
DATAR	Délégation à l'Aménagement du Territoire et à l'Action Régionale
DGRST	Délégation Générale à la Recherche Scientifique et Technique
ECA	Economic Cooperation Administration
ECSC	European Coal and Steel Community
EDC	European Defense Community
EEC	European Economic Community
EPU	European Payments Union (Marshall Plan)
ERP	European Recovery Program
FDES	Fonds de Développement Economique et Social
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GEPEI	Groupe d'Etudes Prospectives sur les Echanges Internationaux
HLM	<i>habitations à loyers modérés</i> (low rental apartments built by public housing offices)
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
IEDES	Institut d'Etude du Développement Economique et Social
INED	Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques
INSEAD	Institut Européen d'Administration des Entreprises
INSEE	Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques
ISEA	Institut de Science Economique Appliquée
JAC	Jeunesse Agricole Chrétienne
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEEC	Organization for European Economic Cooperation
SAEI	Service des Affaires Economiques et Internationales
SATEC	Société d'Aide Technique et de Coopération

SEDES	Société d'Etude du Développement Economique et Social
SEEF	Service d'Etudes Economiques et Financières
SCF	Statistique Générale de la France
SMIG	<i>salairé minimum interprofessionnel garanti</i> (guaranteed minimum all-occupations wage)
SNCF	Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer
VAT	Value-added tax

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