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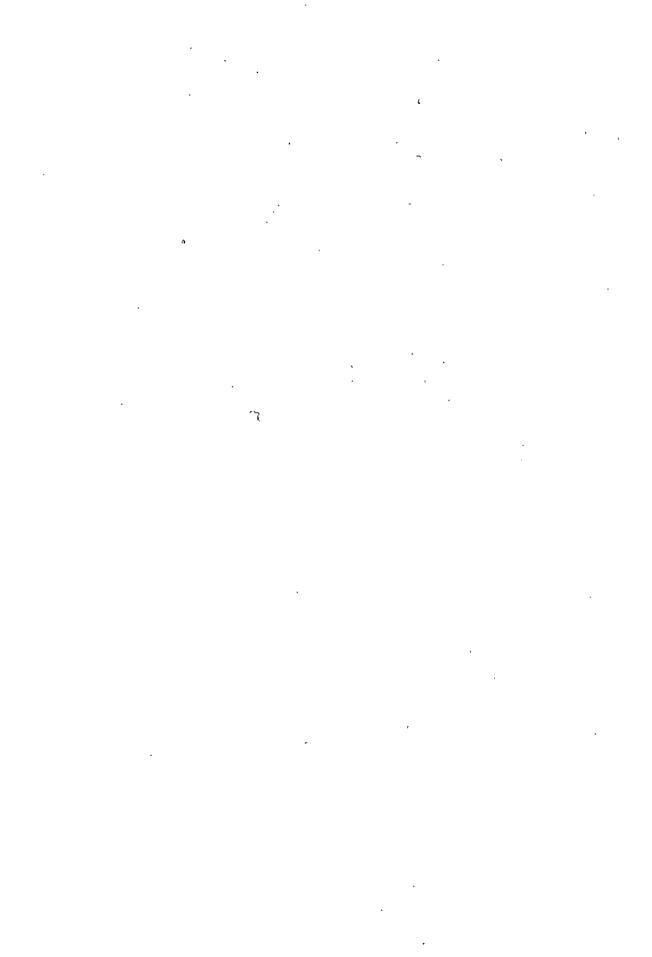
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PREFACE

This Labour Report, which is the fifty-eighth of the series issued by this Bureau, contains detailed statistics for the year 1973, in addition to providing comparisons with previous years.

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

New material in this issue includes the results of surveys of multiple job holding, labour force experience, labour mobility, child care, superannuation and income distribution. These are shown in Chapter IV. In the Appendix a new section (Section XII) has been included giving details of the December 1973 "link" in the Consumer Price Index.

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