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willing to accept that nearly eight million people will be out of work annually.

They don't even offer much light at the end of the tunnel. By 1980, they say, unemployment will still be 5.5 percent of the labor force, or over 5 million people. And all of this is to be accompanied by continued high inflation.

It seems to me that any such projection should serve as the springboard for action. If the economists say this is what will occur, it becomes mandatory for government to intervene in the economy on a scale sufficient to insure that such disastrous predictions don't come true.

With each passing day it becomes more clear that the country needs a massive full employment policy that guarantees a decent job at a decent wage to everyone who can work, and some form of economic controls to end high inflation.

This worries a lot of people, even those who reluctantly go along with the President's plans for a big budget deficit to stimulate the economy. Too much government control, they insist, means the end of the free enterprise system.

What they seem to be forgetting is that a free enterprise system can't make work for eight million people, that locks 85 million people into poverty or near poverty, may be doomed anyway.

In fact, only bold steps that put people to work and insure their earnings aren't eaten away by high inflation, can save the system. Back in the 1930s at the height of the Depression, the government took radical steps to put people to work and saved the system in the process.

Some people are suggesting that one of these steps, the Work Progress Administration, be revived today. This was a program of work relief that, in spite of all the myths about workers sleeping on their shovels, was extremely effective.

The WPA put a total of over eight million people to work on projects we're still using today. At its peak, one out of every twenty American workers were on the WPA payroll.

They built 650,000 miles of new roads, 124,000 new or rebuilt bridges and viaducts, 120,000 public buildings, such as libraries, schools and offices, 23,000 miles of streets and paths, 16,000 miles of water lines, 1,600 parks, 6,000 playgrounds and athletic fields and thousands of hospitals, plants and other facilities still in use.

In addition, WPA programs taught reading and writing to 1.5 million adults, organized nursery schools for 36,000 children, drained swamps, produced clothing for the needy, and revived cultural life.

This is an extraordinary record, and it is typical of the ingratitude of many people who survived that era in their father's WPA checks, and now claim that it was a "boondoggle" whose revival will endanger the system.

What is needed today is a program that delivers decent jobs at decent wages and is conceived on a permanent basis. Changing times have also meant that the need for services is greater and so the basic job-creation program will be some form of public employment, with appropriate training and career structures.

Voting Rights Act

Congressman Andrew Young, who participated in the voting rights movement in Selma, Alabama, ten years ago, has called upon Congress to extend and strengthen the Voting Rights Act of 1965--the law which was passed because of the voting rights struggle, and is scheduled to expire this year.

Mr. Young, the first black Congressman from Georgia in a century, told the Subcommittee that "at a minimum, I urge you to approve legislation to extend the Voting Rights Act for ten years, permanently abolish literacy tests, throughout the nation and provide for protection of the voting rights of Spanish-speaking citizens.

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"Then after awhile he discovered the military and his religion were not compatible and filed for a discharge as a conscientious objector.

"Lang submitted a hand written application to the Navy for a discharge on February 28, 1973. The Navy rejected it stating that it was not typed. He did this and

submitted it again. Finally late in March, Lang was given a copy of naval regulation for conscientious objectors which even lawyers have a hard time understanding.

"Around this same time the Navy informed Lang they could not ho-

nor his application because he had orders for a ship on May 26. This meaning he would have to file and start over again at his new duty station," stated Landau.

Following the change of events Lang went AWOL to keep from going to the ship.

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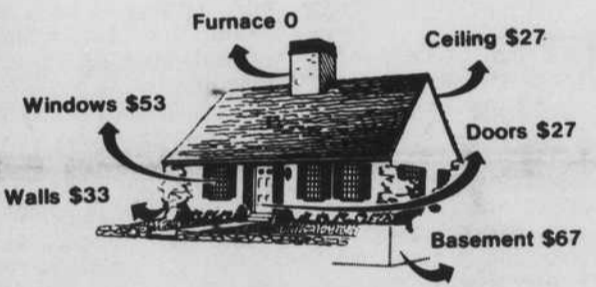
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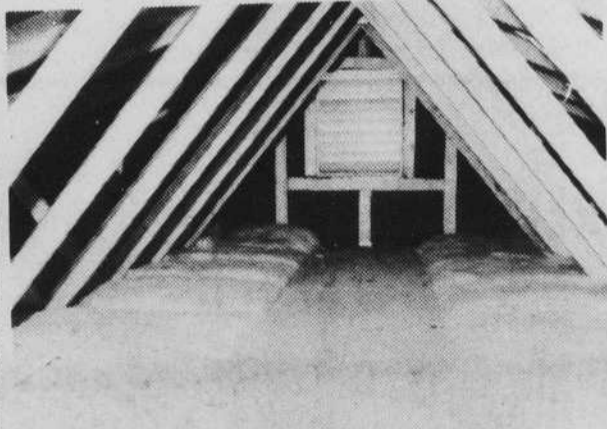
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Heating cost per year for typical 1250 sq.ft. single-story house. Based on fuel oil cost of 33¢ per gallon. (Dollar figures for individual parts of house are avoidable losses.)




Insulating an attic floor is where savings will generally be greatest and usually can be done by the homeowner. Ventilation above the insulation in the attic is necessary in both winter and summer. In winter, the insulation keeps heat inside the living space below, while the open vents let moisture and vapor escape. In summer, the moving air reduces attic heat buildup. Two vent openings should always be provided so that air can flow in one side and out the other.

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Cracks and very narrow spaces, such as those around window framing, should be stuffed by hand with loose wool (scrap). Install insulation around heating ducts and water pipes to keep them warm, particularly on outside walls.

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