

Table 2 gives some data for the year 1949 which indicate the magnitude of the problem.

Table 3 compares the industrial accidental death and injury rates for the United States and Germany.

There is no question that industrial deaths and accidents are more frequent in Germany than in the United States. However, differences in reporting, in grouping of industry, in classification of workers, etc., make exact comparison difficult.

TABLE 1.—*Total Number Employed (Western Zone)*

Accident Insurance Group	Number Insured (2d Half 1949)
Industrial enterprises.....	7,954,577
Government enterprises.....	2,210,430
Agriculture and forestry.....	8,109,796
Executive employment (including railroads).....	1,978,631
Total.....	20,253,434

TABLE 2.—*Comparison of Numbers Indemnified for Accidents and Occupational Disease*

Total number insured (1949).....	18,881,737
Number undergoing accidents (total).....	1,118,019
Number undergoing occupational disease (total).....	30,771
Number compensated for accidents	
Death	7,021
Total disablement.....	1,133
Partial disablement.....	68,791
Number compensated for occupational disease	
Death	368
Total disablement.....	403
Partial disablement.....	7,318

TABLE 3.—*Comparison of Industrial Accident Rates of Germany and the United States (1949)*

	Germany	United States
Accidental deaths (per 100,000).....	36	26
Accidental injuries (per 100,000).....	5,921	3,250

Probably the most reliable figure for comparative purposes is the number of industrial deaths. This shows a substantially higher rate for Germany. Industrial accidents are also more frequent and will probably increase as German industrial production increases.

Owing to the predominance of the mining, chemical and porcelain industries in the German economy, occupational disease is of greater significance than in the United States. Comparative data on this type of disease are not reliable, since there is no universal mandatory reporting of industrial disease in the United States. The backlog of cases of partial and total industrial disablement is enormous and represents a severe drain on the German economy at present and will undoubtedly increase in the future. No data on the total industrial accident premium could be