

PREFACE

THIS volume contains a selection of the papers presented at the Fourth Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth which was held at Hindsgavl in Denmark from 6th to 13th September 1955.

A list of the papers submitted to the Conference is set out at the end of this volume. Those selected all relate to one or other of two main topics namely model building and the distribution of income. The first of these topics was discussed at a more general level at the preceding conference held in 1953. The object of the papers presented here is to illustrate results achieved rather than to describe theoretical issues or plans for models which have not so far been constructed.

Problems connected with the analysis of the distribution of income and household surveys of consumption and saving came before the Association for the first time at the present Conference. The papers submitted are concerned with various aspects of a large and complicated question. Some are devoted mainly to theoretical issues and to questions of definition while others relate more specifically to the results of actual measurements.

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