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The student of trends will find this an attractively arranged and well ordered reference source for the statistical items enumerated above. Dr. Lunden has made several interesting observations on some of the statistics for the North Central region on a whole.

He found that, as of December 31, 1953, there was no consistent agreement between the number of prisoners, on one hand, and population and density on the other. Between 1930 and 1940 the total civil population increased 2.8 percent and the prisoner population increased 6.1 percent. Between 1940 and 1950, civil population increased 6.7 percent, and the other 22.5 percent.

From 1923 to 1938 the prison population grew 101 percent. During the past quarter century it "... passed through the cycle of rising with the Great Depression and declining with World War II, only to rise again in the post-war years."

Commitments fluctuated in about the same manner as total prison population. From 1930 through 1936, excepting 1931, commitments decreased; increased from 1937 through 1939;

decreased from 1940 through 1944; increased again from 1945 through 1954, excepting 1951.

In 1940 43 percent were under 25 years of age, and in 1950, 44.3 percent. In 1940 72.3 percent of those committed were under 35, and in 1950, 76.1 percent.

Comparison of the records of 1940 and 1950 shows that extremes have decreased while medium sentences—two to nine years—have increased.

Of all prisoners released in 1945, 39.2 percent had no known criminal record; 22.3 percent had been in jail or a juvenile institution, and 38.5 percent had been in prison one or more times. Almost two-thirds of all the prisoners in the nine states had a prior criminal record before their release in 1945.

The graphic presentation is excellently done. The figures, tables and graphs, however, are largely left to explain themselves. The book would be more valuable if it included more interpretative analysis and comment.

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