

SUBURBS ARE MAKING HISTORY

Growth Of American Suburbs

Is A Real Revolution,

Noted French Magazine Reports,

And One Of The

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TAXPAYERS in pleasant places like Shaker Heights and San Mateo will be pleased to know that it was a great day for their country when they decided to pull up stakes and settle twenty miles instead of twenty blocks away from their places of business. This is the finding of *Realités*, well-known French monthly, which covers the world and which has recently made a study of U. S. suburbs under the title "What the American Recession Has Revealed to Us."

As *Realités* sees it, the growth of our suburbs is one of five great changes which have affected the course of our life in the last thirty years, changes so dynamic that they describe them as "revolutions." They are constructive revolutions in *Realités'* view, which have built a firm support for our economy so that a repetition of the crash of 1929 would now be impossible.

Beside the growth of our suburbs, *Realités* notes among the other dynamic changes the increase in our birth rate, with the arrival in the U. S. of five million babies annually. Aside from material demand, the presence of these young, as they grow up, is in itself a stimulus to our economy—"they are disposed to turn to the new, the untried. When they get to working-age they will push to the frontiers of industry, and establish themselves in areas about to be opened up." The rise of the middle class in the last twenty years is another dynamic change. A third factor is our technical progress—"the Americans have entered a new era, based on the future of atomic energy, and on their spectacular developments in electronics and chemistry." The acceleration of the birth rate, the rise of the middle class, extraordinary technical progress, the development of new areas by dams and roads and seaways: these, and the country-wide expansion of the suburbs, are the mighty forces *Realités* sees acting for the good in our economy today. Americans living in the suburbs might add that it is from their own doorsteps that they see the other forces in operation. The new plants and laboratories of technical progress are locating in the suburbs. The typical population of the suburbs is the vigorous,

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Two typical suburbanites—like the growth of our suburbs, the increase in our birth rate is another strong support for our economy today.