



## "Socialist" Unemployment Insurance Is Strikebreaking

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Despite assertions by economic bureaus and the N. Y. State Industrial department, that the figures on unemployment first published by the U. S. Census Bureau were incorrect, Hoover as late as August declared that there were only 2,500,000 unemployed in the United States. Two employees of the Census Bureau resigned because they could not agree with such faking methods; other people pointed out that the census as regards unemployment was not only not taken correctly but was deliberately organized in such a manner as to make the number look small.

### "Socialists" Aid Lying.

This lying and faking continued, with republicans, aided by the "socialists," playing down the figures (the S. P. "estimating" the number at somewhere more than 3,000,000), while the democrats tried to make political capital out of the situation.

The Communist Party, basing its estimate on the facts of industry, declared at the beginning that 5,000,000 were jobless (in November); with the sharpening of the crisis it raised the number, so that by August, it claimed that 8,000,000 workers were unemployed.

At the end of August Dr. William Stuart, director of the Census Bureau, declared that 7,000,000 to 9,000,000 workers are jobless. This confirms the figure of the Communist Party and shows its close connection with the masses—and it exposes the lies of Hoover and the "socialists."

### What Has Been Done?

What has been done to help the millions of unemployed? The notorious "building program" of the Hoover conference last November is one of the biggest pieces of fraud and hokum ever put across on a suffering working class. This seven billion dollar building program shows to date, instead of an increase over 1929, a decline for the first seven months of 1930. This is Hoover's relief for the unemployed!

What has democratic New York State done for the more than 1,000,000 unemployed? Absolutely nothing, although the Industrial Department was continually pointing out the situation which was growing ever more serious. What did the city administrations—especially New York City—do? Mayor Walker not only ridiculed the unemployed but did not

make the slightest effort to relieve the sufferings of the 800,000 unemployed in New York City.

Breadlines half a mile long, municipal lodging houses crammed to the doors, men and women sleeping in parks, crime, as a consequence of the situation, on the increase, prisons full—but what did the state and city of New York do about it? Whalen's cossacks beat up the unemployed, sent the leaders of the unemployed to the penitentiary. This was duplicated in every industrial center of the country—including Milwaukee, the "socialist" town!

### Walker Has Funds When It Suits His Interests.

Walker could not "constitutionally" obtain any funds to aid the unemployed, but he found it possible in the midst of the deep suffering of the unemployed men and women and their families, to raise his own salary and that of some borough officials, and later to raise the pay of his henchmen by more than \$500,000—but not a penny for the unemployed!

The U. S. Congress passed Senator Wagner's bills for a census of the unemployed and for full federal employment bureaus. But they will have as much success in furnishing jobs as Walker's free employment office has had—they will "discover" the masses of the unemployed—but no jobs to give them, because of the economic crisis.

### The Solution for Unemployment.

Capitalism cannot guarantee workers a job and unemployment will continue until capitalism is overthrown. Under capitalism there is always an army of unemployed reckoned in the U. S. at 1,500,000 in "normal" times. The worker has a right to a job in order to earn a living—or he should have the right. If capitalism cannot provide him with a job, then it must furnish him with the means of living. Work or Wages in the form of unemployment insurance is the demand of the Communist Party, the revolutionary unions and the unemployed. This demand was raised on March 6, international day of struggle against unemployment, for the world economic crisis has thrown 20,000,000 workers into the streets to starve in the capitalist countries.

### What About the "Socialists?"

What does the "socialist" party propose to do in this situation? (We will not deal with "socialist" approval of the use of nightsticks, tear gas and jailings, for as a third capitalist party we must expect the American "socialists," like the "socialists" the world over, not only to approve but to use capitalist methods against the workers—England, Germany, Austria, Poland, Australia.)

The "socialist" party, recognizing that the workers are militantly adopting the Communist slogan: Don't Starve—Fight!—and having the function to show the capitalists the new way of protecting capitalism, propose a strikebreaking unemployment scheme, such as is in operation in England and Germany.

A. J. Muste, the "socialist" trade unionist, proposes government insurance to cover unemployment of no more than 26 weeks and not to begin till after the first week. Twenty-six weeks!—when the N. Y. employment office registered workers who have been unemployed for

If a worker gets a job for a day or a few hours a week, he will not be entitled to unemployment insurance. This is the strike-breaking proposal of the Muste group.

### Look at Germany and England!

The "socialist" party proposes government insurance raised by contributions to be made by the employers and the government, the fund to be administered by the government. Combined with federal employment offices, it provides the following outlook: The government will send a worker to a job which may offer board and room but no pay, as in Detroit and Seattle. If he refuses to accept the job, he will get no insurance. It may give him a job of a few days—then again he will get no insurance! or it may assign him to a distant place and if he refuses to militant worker and has organized workers accept, he will get no insurance. If he is a to strike against miserable conditions in the shop, he may be deprived of unemployment insurance. This discrimination against militants is being practiced in Germany and England—with "socialists" on the government boards. Thus the "socialist" scheme is a capitalist strikebreaking proposal.

### The Communist Insurance Bill.

The Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill is the only proposal that will really protect the unemployed and employed workers. It provides for a fund of five billion dollars, the amount now being spent for war purposes (Not a cent for war, all funds for the unemployed!), increased by a capital levy on all properties of \$25,000 or more, and a progressive tax on all incomes exceeding \$5,000. The worker furnishes not a penny to the fund. The unemployment insurance shall be disbursed through a National Workers Insurance Commission, composed of unemployed and employed workers and elected at a national conference, as well as through state and local commissions. Insurance begins from the first day of unemployment and shall amount to \$25 per week for the unemployed worker (part time workers shall be entitled to a sum securing them a minimum of the same amount) plus \$5 for each dependent.

This is the only real Unemployment Insurance proposal and the workers, unemployed and employed, must organize to fight for it in the shops, unions, fraternal organizations, etc. The government and the capitalists will grant nothing without a fight. This is the bill the Communist Party proposes in the election campaign which the workers must back up.

The "socialist" party proposal is a strike-breaking proposal. Workers! Support the Communist Party and its candidates! Vote Communist!

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William Green and Mathew Woll are among the rulers of America. They support all the capitalist parties, Republican, Democratic, "socialist," that stand for this capitalist society. Vote against capitalism! Vote Communist!

The socialist party, the party of petty bourgeois real estate speculators, professionals, liberals, clergymen and labor fakers, is the third capitalist party. The workers of Germany, England and other countries learned that they can get nothing from the socialist party. Vote against the capitalist parties!