

# ONLY MILITANT STRUGGLE OF MASSES CAN

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WE are now face to face with winter. The mass misery and starvation of the millions of unemployed and their families is reaching unprecedented acuteness. Already workers' children are dying in large numbers through actual starvation. Large numbers must be kept at home in unheated shacks, some even without light, and without food because they lack the clothes, shoes to go to school. Unemployed are tramping the streets in the cold nights with no place to sleep. Others of the "more fortunate" spend the nights behind bridges and dugouts. How much suffering is the lot of the mothers who after giving the last drop of food to their little ones while going hungry themselves must invent one excuse after another in answer to the demand for food; and of the fathers who are hopelessly looking for a job, or trying to secure relief through appeals to the city and private charity organizations. **And this condition in the face of the abundance of the best of everything in the richest country in the world.**

## NO PROSPECT FOR WORK.

The crisis grows sharper, unemployment is still mounting. There

is no prospect for work. The factories that could turn out everything the workers need, are idle. Food that would bring relief to the hungry millions is being dumped into the rivers and seas or allowed to rot on the farms, kept in the granaries, and warehouses. Houses that could give shelter to the homeless are empty. This is all part of the capitalist system of private property and profit. And the local, state and federal governments that claim to represent all the people—what are they doing? They are in reality the governments of the rich against the poor—capitalists against toilers. Instead of providing relief to the hungry millions at the expense of the rich, they are busy devising means of cutting down the taxes of the rich and placing the burden upon the masses, through sales taxes, occupational taxes (as was attempted in Philadelphia) and through the various so-called economy schemes carried through at the expense of the masses.

Everywhere as the winter suffering grows, the local and state governments are cutting down the relief. And even this measly hand-out they are trying to snatch from the poorly paid employed and part-time workers through various community drives, forced collections in the factories and workers' homes, through the so-called work-share schemes, etc.

## National Hunger March Will Unite Struggles for Immediate Relief

THE Republican and Democratic parties have been and are one in their program of starving the masses, in placing the burden of the crisis upon the shoulders of the starving and exploited masses. The Socialist Party and the leaders of the American Federation of Labor are supporting this policy of the bosses. The socialists have not abandoned the policy which brought Norman Thomas, recent candidate for President on the Socialist ticket on the same platform with J. P. Morgan, to appeal through the radio for the recently conducted block-aid campaign. The socialists in Milwaukee, where they control the city government, are like the McKees under Tammany, the Moores of Philadelphia, and the administration of Governor Roosevelt in New York—all cutting the relief to the unemployed and placing the burden of the crisis and the charity relief on the masses.

### TELL HUNGRY TO WAIT

The bosses and their agents are now telling the masses who still believed in the last election that Roosevelt will bring them relief that they must wait until Roosevelt is

in office. Already the agenda for the coming session of Congress has been worked out and includes the taking up of prohibition, the sales tax, the war debts, and economy. This is clearly a new attack on the masses and a refusal to furnish relief in this the fourth winter of the crisis. The workers must not accept this scheme of the bosses to continue to foster illusions as to Roosevelt and carry through their hunger policy for the winter. The next Congress is fully controlled by the Democrats. They have a substantial majority in the lower house, and with the bloc they formed with the La Follettes and the Norrises, the Johnsons, and the rest of the so-called progressives, Roosevelt is also in full control of the U. S. Senate. We must not allow Roosevelt to shirk his responsibility on the plea that he is not yet in power. **He is in power.** Of course, behind Roosevelt stands Wall Street as it is under Hoover. It is clear that Hoover and Roosevelt, the representatives of the capitalists, are determined to starve the masses the coming winter. **There is only one way to stop this starvation program. This is the way of**

struggle of the unemployed and employed masses.

This struggle must be developed and sharpened in every city, town and community, whether under a Republican, Democratic or Socialist administration. We must throw back the plea of bankruptcy and economy that faces the workers in their demand for bread. Through struggle the masses can defeat the bosses' starvation program and force some measure of relief in the localities. Three of these victories taking place in large cities are outstanding. In St. Louis the unemployed struggles compelled the city administration to place 13,000 families back on the relief lists. In Chicago the mass struggle organized on the broadest basis of the united front resulted in the withdrawal of the 50% relief cut. In Philadelphia the mass struggle of the employed and unemployed resulted in the abandonment of the tax on the workers' wages that was voted by the City Council. This can be achieved everywhere through struggle.

### THE HUNGER MARCH

But aside from the local struggles and the local relief we can secure the Washington government must assume responsibility to feed the hungry masses the coming winter. Moreover, the federal government must be forced to adopt unemployment insurance. For this purpose we must unite the struggles

# DEFEAT THE BOSSES' STARVATION PROGRAM

of the masses throughout the country and bring this pressure to bear upon the federal government. In order to make this demand the National Committee of the Unemployed Councils is organizing the **National Hunger March** that will meet in Washington on December 5, at the time of the opening of Congress. Workers employed and unemployed, Negro and white, organized and unorganized, members of the T.U.U.L. unions, the A.F.L. unions, the Railroad Brotherhoods, and others must join in this demand through the election of delegates to the Hunger March. We must make the **National Hunger March** a demand of the entire workingclass of this country, the demand of all the starving oppressed and exploited masses.

All workers and all workers' organizations, especially the Trade Union Unity League unions, the militant workers in the A.F.L. unions, must give full support to organize and equip the **National Hunger March** for an effective struggle. This requires participation in all the local actions for relief, support to the unemployed councils, the election of delegates, the providing of the delegates with food and shelter at all the centers where they will march through towards their goal: Washington. And this also requires the gathering of food and money to make the March a suc-

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**A**LL these concentrated attacks by these labor 'chiefs' on the unemployment insurance movement did not, of course, stop the suffering of the workers in this country. Consequently, the sentiment for government unemployment insurance continues to grow—and especially among American Federation

cess. Let us march in to Washington on December 5 with the support of the millions of the starving and exploited masses. Back up the demands of the **National Hunger March**, thru big demonstrations in every city, town and village on December 6, the day when your elected delegates will present the demands to Congress.

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