

# The Reds Say--

By JIM ALLEN

Things turn up that make prosperity blush, poor lady. Hoover has to turn around to call himself a liar, when other people called him a fool trying to make everybody believe that there are only a little over 2,000,000 unemployed in the country. Sure, he's got a bad memory, he forgot to add to the figure all those workers who had been laid off. That's not being unemployed, that's only being without a job. If you haven't got a job now, pat yourself on the back and tell yourself that you had one a few months ago.

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The special high-powered publicity man, writing in the Birmingham News and calling himself "economic expert" sends a shrieking headline across the page, "Steel Industry Living up to Schedule." The next day a few thousand workers are laid off at the T. C. I. Ensley mines, the Connors Steel Co. closes down and other mines and plants are on the way. And, like Henry Ford, lots of us now only have to work two days a week.

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While 34 more bosses are taking out insurance policies of \$1,000,000 each or more, bringing up the grand total of valuable parasites to 357, the government employment agency at Raleigh reports that it found jobs for 58 people in one week. J. H. Separk, president of a whole cotton mill chain in Gaston county insures his precious life for \$200,000, while the local Red Cross asks him if he kindly wouldn't give them some cotton remnants to make clothes for the poor little kiddies who can't go to school. Pierre DuPont, who is kind enough to keep some workers in his stinking plant at low wages at manufacturing explosives for the next war, takes out a policy for \$7,000,000. Governor Max Gardner of North Carolina has put down \$50,000 stakes on his life, while Judge Hardin at Marion, N. C., makes all workers workers he sentences to jail terms pay for their board. Clyde Hoey, Democratic demagogue insures his long hair and crooked nose for \$100,000, while a school principal at Thomasville, N. C., reports that more than 200 Negro children from 10 to 12 years of age, appeared "apparently from nowhere, in the first grades of school," seeking shelter at one school building, with the same situation prevailing throughout the state.

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Over 8,000,000 workers are asking for insurance—insurance against starvation. 357 bosses carry close to \$500,000,000 life insurance and if we take these miserly sums—less than \$1,000,000 but above \$100,000 it would amount to well above 2 billions of dollars. Henry Ford can go galvinating over Europe in search of antiques knowing that should anything happen to him he would leave at least \$1,000,000 in cold cash for his family. A punch press is much more dangerous than an antique, and let a worker be caught in one and his family is left to starve. Go on a rambling tour—not thru the Mediterranean coasts—but from job line to job line and if you don't find a job, will your family get 2 cents insurance?

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All we ask is at least \$25 a week insurance for every unemployed worker. DuPont's insurance policy alone would take care of 280,000 workers. And for this we are clubbed, put in jail, lynched. Looks like we are going to fight to a finish though. Gues that's why the bosses are taking out such high insurance lately.