

Some Unemployment "Relief" Schemes

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THE unemployment situation becomes more serious with the deepening of the crisis.

With 15,000,000 unemployed and number constantly increasing, it is obvious that the bosses and the government are worried—not as to what will become of the fifteen million and their families, but what the fifteen million may do to get something to eat. Therefore the demagogic speeches and maneuvers of Green, McGrady, Sullivan; therefore the pitting yowls of Thomas, Waldman and Blanshard; therefore Hoover's interest in the "little man;" Roosevelt's heart throbs for "the forgotten man." These demagogues are "listening to the masses," in order to sidetrack their demands, to throw sand into their eyes, to prevent them from accepting the leadership of the Communist Party in struggle.

Workers Pay for "Relief"

Roosevelt signed a bill of \$20,000,000 for relief of the 2,500,000 unemployed in the State of New York. This means \$8 per unemployed worker and his family! A bill will come up for vote in November for a bond issue of \$30,000,000 for the relief of the New York State unemployed \$12 per unemployed worker. These bonds will have to be paid back by taxes on the workers and farmers.

In the city of New York, the relief administration demands a minimum of \$65,000,000 for the unemployed. And, following the practices of the relief bureaus, the number of the relief cases and the amount of relief are being sharply curtailed. If they need \$65,000,000 in New York City, what does Roosevelt's \$30,000,000 amount to? What does the proposal of the Socialist Party for \$25,000,000 mean? They both mean sanctioned STARVATION.

Jobless Used As 'Cheap Labor'

These are the proposals of the three capitalist parties. But this is not all. Roosevelt is shipping the city unemployed back to the land. In Binghamton, N. Y., they are sending the single men to the farms to work for their board and room. Cheap labor for the rich farmers, which will be used to lower the conditions of workers in the city.

This is becoming a general movement and must be watched carefully by the city workers and a

movement started to counteract it.

The politicians are not to be stopped in their efforts to make the workers bear the effects of the crisis. In Syracuse, there is Dr. Ruthland. He is such a wonderful man that they have to pay him \$10,000 a year. Ruthland has discovered a method whereby the city can feed a worker on 9 cents a day. This is the standard of relief in Syracuse.

The workers of Syracuse should demand that, since the diet is so wholesome and nourishing, Dr. Ruthland's and Mayor Marvin's salaries be cancelled, and they be permitted to live on a 9-cent diet, so that they may learn its bracing effects.

But even this is too expensive to the capitalists—and therefore Dr. Ruthland is trying to find even a cheaper diet that will be just as wholesome.

It probably will be like the case of the farmer and the donkey, which the farmer was feeding straw. The experiment was just about to succeed when the donkey died of starvation. We would suggest that Dr. Ruthland be the donkey.

Binghamton, which is about 70 miles from Syracuse, not to be outdone by Syracuse. The city is spending \$15,000 a month for 12,000 unemployed and their families. On the basis of five persons to the family, as is calculated in Syracuse. Binghamton is spending less than 9 cents per person, although they claim that it is 11 cents. They want to emulate Syracuse's, and therefore, the new \$9,000-a-year city manager, Harrell, and his relief director, Talley, should be the donkeys in Binghamton.

Waiting for relief from the bosses is to invite hunger into your home. The workers will get only what they FIGHT for. We workers are not satisfied to starve in a country crammed with food. The time to get food is NOW!

Organize into the Unemployed Councils—both unemployed and employed workers.

Support the Communist Party in the fight for ADEQUATE UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF AND UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INSURANCE.

Vote Communist! Carry on the fight to banish unemployment from the face of the earth, as the Russian workers and peasants have done.