

# Unemployment, Social Insurance Is Central Demand of U.S. Toilers

Movement Is Spreading Throughout Country, Says Amter, Calling on All Jobless Groups To Unite at National Congress

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The demand for unemployment and social insurance is growing throughout the country. The support that has been given to the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill by masses within the American Federation of Labor—more than 2,400 locals, fifty Central Labor Bodies, five State

Federations of Labor, five Internationals in basic industries affiliated with the A. F. of L.—as well as by independent and T.U.U.L. unions and such fraternal organizations as the Independent Order of the Sons of Italy and Polish National Alliance, by the First American Youth Congress, Newspaper Guild, Negro Veterans, Farm and professional organizations and practically all the important unemployed organizations, indicate quite clearly that the demand is growing for this form of protection under the present system.

## Workers' Bill Endorsed

As a result of the mass pressure of the workers, seventy municipal and village councils have been compelled to endorse the Workers' Bill. These municipal councils include such cities as St. Louis, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Canton, Tacoma, Allentown, Buffalo, Bridgeport, etc. This represents a mass of four to five million people in this country already mobilized to demand the Workers' Bill.

This mass demand has led to the introduction of 125 bills in the United States Congress and State Legislatures. The army of more than sixteen million unemployed in the United States would not receive one single penny of insurance through any one of these bills except the Workers' Bill. In addition, millions of workers who still have jobs would be excluded from the provisions of these bills.

## National Congress in January

The National Sponsoring Committee for Unemployment and Social Insurance has called a Congress in Washington, D. C., for January 5, 6, 7, for the purpose of mobilizing all organizations of the United States in united action for the enactment of a social and unemployment insurance bill. The fighters for the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill must be in the forefront of this struggle. It is the job of the National Unemployment Council local, state and county organizations that have already endorsed the Workers Bill to actively participate in the preparations for this Congress.

The conventions of International Unions and State Federations of Labor have endorsed the bill, yet their officials have taken no steps to carry on a campaign for the bill. Thereby, they flout the decisions of the Convention. It is our job to penetrate the locals and district bodies of these organizations and get delegates to the Congress.

This applies in equal measure to the other unemployed organizations, such as the National Unemployed League, the Workers Unemployed Unions, etc. Those that refuse to participate in united struggle for unemployment and social insurance are guilty of splitting the working class and keeping it from united action. This applies also to the leaders of the Socialist and the Farmer-Labor Party. The Farmer-Labor Party Federation of Minnesota has endorsed the Workers Bill, but has conducted no campaign in Minnesota for the bill. The Socialist Party takes a general position on unemployment insurance and yet everywhere supports bills proposed by capitalist politicians and even introduces bills itself, which would exclude the whole mass of the unemployed from any protection whatever under these social insurance plans. In addition, they favor the proposal of forced contributions from the workers.

## Must Unite All Forces

With growing unemployment facing the masses this winter, with wage cuts confronting the workers in the shops, with fascist organizations growing throughout the country and working in cooperation with government authorities to smash the struggle of the unemployed and the shop workers, we must unite our forces into the most gigantic congress this country has ever seen. There is no more important question before the workers than the question of social and unemployment insurance. Therefore, all forces must be rallied in every locality and mass delegations be sent to the congress that will exert the most tremendous pressure upon the United States Congress.

Another question confronting us is the question of unity of all unemployed organizations. For more than a year, the National Unemployment Council has carried on a struggle for unification of all unemployed organizations in the country. We press this issue again today at a time when not only

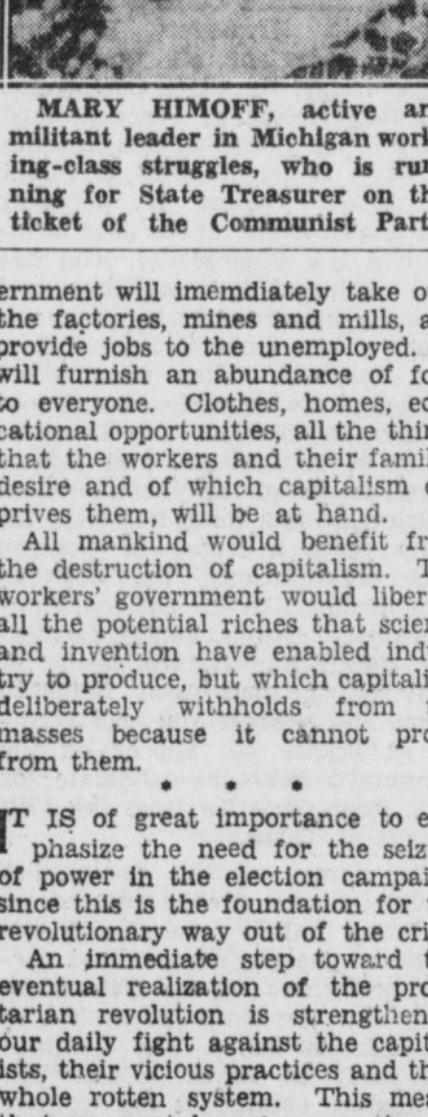
united action but unity of the unemployed organizations for the struggle for the rights of the unemployed is the vital issue.

The National Unemployment Council is approaching the other unemployed organizations with a proposal of unity. This unity must be accomplished and those that stand in the way be swept aside as

enemies of the working class.

Forward to unity of all unemployed organizations!

## Communist Candidate



MARY HIMOFF, active and militant leader in Michigan working-class struggles, who is running for State Treasurer on the ticket of the Communist Party.

overnment will immediately take over the factories, mines and mills, and provide jobs to the unemployed. It will furnish an abundance of food to everyone. Clothes, homes, educational opportunities, all the things that the workers and their families desire and of which capitalism deprives them, will be at hand.

All mankind would benefit from the destruction of capitalism. The workers' government would liberate all the potential riches that science and invention have enabled industry to produce, but which capitalism deliberately withholds from the masses because it cannot profit from them.

IT IS of great importance to emphasize the need for the seizure of power in the election campaign, since this is the foundation for the revolutionary way out of the crisis.

An immediate step toward the eventual realization of the proletarian revolution is strengthening our daily fight against the capitalists, their vicious practices and their whole rotten system. This means that we must launch a counter-attack against the hunger deal of Roosevelt. To push this counteronslaught, we need Communists in the legislative halls of the capitalists. They will expose the ruling class character of every phase of the New Deal. They will be the spearhead of the workers' drive for unemployment insurance. They will fight the venom of race discrimination. They will be the sounding boards for the demands of every section of the working class.

To strike a blow against the capitalistic program of Roosevelt, and to take an important step in the direction of the only true solution of the crisis—the revolutionary way out—send Communists to office.

## Red Platform In Ohio Raps Injunctions

By DAVE MARTIN

One hundred years ago, when the Philadelphia shoe workers went out on strike, their leaders were arrested for entering into a conspiracy. In a century of bitter class struggles the American workers have won the right to organize without charges of conspiracy being entered against them. This is one of the most important rights of the workers: one which we must fight bitterly to maintain.

Injunctions strike at this basic right of the workers. The capitalists can get the most sweeping injunctions, making it a crime to organize, to strike and to picket, from the courts which are themselves tools of the capitalists. In Cleveland, only recently, the Chase Brass and Copper Co. and the Cleveland File Co. took out injunctions against the workers to break strikes. These injunctions stop picketing, stop the right of the workers even to persuade others not to go into the factory. The basic democratic rights of the workers, free speech, free assembly and free press are completely destroyed by injunctions.

The issuing of injunctions has greatly increased during the past year because of the increased struggles of the workers. It is part of the drive of the capitalist class toward fascism, toward taking away the rights of the workers of free speech, press and assembly. Even the right of the unemployed workers to vote is being challenged.

The Communist Party in its elections calls for a sharp struggle of the workers against injunctions and for the maintenance of their rights. This fight is led by the Communist Party.