

ROOSEVELT DECREES HUNGER FOR MILLIONS, SAYS AMTER, JOBLESS COUNCIL SECRETARY

Workers Must Demand Union Wages on All Relief Jobs, and Organize to Fight and Win Their Demands

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Roosevelt has issued a decree which means starvation for millions of the unemployed in this country. Using demagogic phrases about increasing the relief of the unemployed through work relief, he declares that all employables will be taken off the relief lists and put to work.

According to Harry L. Hopkins, there were 4,500,000 heads of families on the relief rolls of the country several months ago. Owing to the alleged "reemployment" under the "new deal," 1,000,000 unemployed are supposed to have found jobs. Of the remaining 3,500,000 family heads, 2,000,000 are now to be given jobs on November 16 and 2,000,000 a month later.

Amter Will Tour Country; Talk on NRA, Unemployed

In order to stimulate activities in preparation for the National Convention Against Unemployment called by the Unemployed Councils in Washington, D. C., on January 13, 14 and 15, Comrade Amter, National Secretary of the Councils will tour the following cities:

Columbus, Ohio.....	November 14
Toledo	November 15
Detroit	November 16
Chicago	November 17, 18
Cleveland	November 19, 20
Youngstown	November 21, 22
Pittsburgh, Pa.	November 23

Mass meetings are being arranged in each of these cities where Comrade Amter will talk on "Unemployment Insurance—Not NRA."

Mass Action Halts Boro Pk. Evictions

High Prices Meet Gets Energetic Response

NEW YORK.—With the help of a strong house committee organized by the 43rd St. Block Committee in Brooklyn and the Building Maintenance Union and picket lines in front of the building at 1454 43rd St., the landlord were compelled to reinstate the janitor.

Mike Cheluka, whose wife is with child, was told by the landlords he would have to get out. The reason being that since he had rented but most of the empty apartments in the building they could get rid of him.

Every one of the tenants signed a petition for reinstatement of the janitor, mass meetings were held, and when an attempt was made to evict the family, the tenants threatened a rent strike. The landlords agreed to let Cheluka remain.

The Provisional Committee of the Bronx Conference against the High Cost of Living reports a militant response from the housewives in the Bronx against rising prices. This is the second conference arranged by the United Council of Working Class Women. Delegates will come from house committees and fraternal organizations.

Demand Removal of 50 P. C. Relief Cut

Colo. Springs Workers Meet Before Board

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Demanding withdrawal of the 50 per cent relief cut, several hundred workers demonstrated in front of the El Paso County R.F.C. board. This was the answer of the workers to the jailing of P. C. Fesee, unemployed leader, for stopping an eviction, in the hope their relief cut would go unchallenged.

When the delegation pointed out to Volmer, head of the Board, that the Truck Act expressly forbids forced labor for groceries he squirmed and said the law does not apply to the present emergency.

To all the promises of Volmer, the workers demanded that the Board go on record favoring the Workers Un-

To say that unemployment has decreased is not true. Shortly after March 4, a few hundred thousands procured jobs, on the basis of the employers producing for stock and for speculation. But today, these workers together with hundreds of thousands more have been laid off or fired. Steel has declined from 59 per cent to 25 per cent and is going down. Auto, railroad, building construction, electrical power consumption have declined to a low figure. Production at the present time—Nov 8—is as low as at the same time in 1931. The steel producers hope for an upturn after the new year. In some plants they tell the workers to "come back in April."

It is obvious, therefore, that millions will get no work—and will starve.

In addition, Roosevelt proposes that the new relief workers shall work not only in the parks, but on construction work at the "prevailing wages." This is a direct attack on the union scales, and must rouse the trade unions to immediate action. Although this has been the practice during the whole crisis, the bureaucrats of the unions have done nothing to end the abuse. Now the rank and file must take it up in every union and make a fight for union wages.

Roosevelt promises now the unemployed \$50 a month. But this will be much lower when the forced labor jobs open. When one takes into consideration the rapidly mounting cost of living, the carefare that the workers will have to spend, the need of warm clothing, etc., this is a coolie "wage." The workers must demand union wages and organize on the job to fight for it.

It is noteworthy that the single men are not considered at all in Roosevelt's proposal, since they receive no relief. The single men must organize and put up a fight for work—also for union wages. The Negro workers will continue to be discriminated against, as they have been in relief and in the application of the codes under the NRA.

A big job is ahead for the Unemployed Councils in organizing the workers to demand union wages on all relief jobs, to prevent discrimination against Negroes and to obtain work for the single men.

We must also raise the question of the single and homeless women, for whom absolutely no provision is made. What is become of the elderly men?

But above all, Roosevelt knows that millions will get no work—and no relief; that the measures he proposes are not solving the situation. The of Unemployment and Social Insurance becomes clearer every day. Roosevelt sidesteps this issue, preferring to keep the unemployed either starving or on hunger rations.

The coming National Convention Against Unemployment in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 13-15 called by the Unemployed Councils must be the rallying point for the whole working class in the struggle against unemployment. Roosevelt's decree means a continuation of hunger. It will not prevent the addition of millions more to the army of unemployed through the lay-offs and firing that are taking place. It will not provide adequate food, shelter and clothing for the unemployed and part time workers and their families.

The struggle against the Roosevelt program must be taken up in every locality, on every relief job, building organization and putting up a fight. This is the immediate task of the Unemployed Councils.