

Unemployment Causes Heavy Drain On State Pocketbooks

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WASHINGTON.—Exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits by workers is another recession headache that must soon be faced. Since the laws governing unemployment insurance vary in every state, it is difficult to make a national round-up on this subject that will fit all cases. But the nature of the problem may be stated in several terms.

The weakness of the unemployment insurance system is in combating depressions. The system was designed primarily to give temporarily unemployed workers some income between jobs. If the country is now heading into another period of continued low employment such as it went through in the 1930s, that's where the trouble will come.

The 33,000,000 workers now covered by the various state systems become eligible for unemployment insurance as they build up "wage credits." The more steadily workers are employed in any year, the more unemployment insurance they are entitled to, up to the maximum set by each state. New York now has the most liberal unemployment insurance terms in the nation. Unemployed workers there may draw a maximum of \$26 a week for a maximum of 26 weeks in any year.

When a worker exhausts his unemployment insurance benefits in any year, he may not become eligible for more unemployment insurance until a new "employment year" begins. It is in determining the limits of this employment year that state practices vary widely.

What States Provide
In New York, the unemployed may become eligible for additional

benefits at the beginning of every quarter. The rise in New York's unemployment insurance claims from 331,000 as of June 11 to 425,000 as of July 9 was due in part to the fact that a number of claimants had exhausted their benefits in the second quarter of the year. But they became eligible for new benefits after July 1.

Massachusetts and 15 other states have uniform benefit years, beginning April 1. Maximum benefit in Massachusetts is 23 weeks in any one year. When a Bay State worker has used up all his wage credits and drawn benefit payments for 23 weeks, he cannot again become eligible for benefits until after the next April 1.

In other states, the usual pattern is for each worker's employment year record to begin on the day he files his initial claim for insurance. Then when he has exhausted his benefits, he does not again become eligible for more unemployment insurance until 52 weeks after he filed his first claim.

When a worker is drawing insurance for from 20 to 25 weeks, he is obviously not building up wage credits for the following year. In this ensuing year this worker will therefore be eligible for—roughly—less than half as much insurance as he got in his initial year of unemployment.

Thousands Exhaust Benefits
National statistics on the existing 48 state unemployment insurance systems, as collected by the Bureau of Employment Security in Washington, reveal that for the first three months of this year, 369,000 of the 2,110,000 workers now drawing unemployment insurance had exhausted their benefits. Figures for the second quarter, now being compiled, will probably show an increase in exhaustions. For the third quarter the situation will really become critical unless

Slovak Villagers Resist Threat Of Priest's Arrest

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Police have put down a "revolt" in a Slovakian village where Catholics defending their priest from threatened arrest had set up their own local government, a communist weekly news magazine reported today.

Aroused villagers led by a band of fighting peasant women had beaten up the chairman of the communist-controlled local executive board, Svet Prace, weekly magazine of the Czechoslovak communist party, said.

Two persons were reported wounded and "several" arrested in northwestern Slovakia.

The magazine gave no precise date for the clash but said the offending village had its electric power cut off for several weeks, apparently as punishment.

Strečno is in the Zilina district of Slovakia where fighting between Catholic villagers and broke out about six weeks ago. Whether this was a new incident or a report on details of former fighting now coming to light could not be definitely established.

Vatican sources reported last week that new clashes had occurred in Slovakia, which is strongly Catholic. Svet Prace called the Strečno uprising a "revolution" and disclosed that state security police supported by workers' militia units were called to quell it. Peasants wielding flails and scythes were dispersed.

The communist organ claimed Strečno citizens had chosen an "illegal" council of their own to replace the local government "after things were changed."

There is a pick-up in employment. For winter a worker can draw no more benefits, he must go on relief if he has no other source of income.

During the first quarter of 1949, the average unemployed worker exhausted his wage credits and his benefits in about 19 weeks. So any unemployment lasting more than five months can easily swell relief and public welfare rolls.

Of the 10 principal labor market areas reporting more than 12 1/2 percent of their insured workers drawing unemployment benefits in May, only one situation has been cleared up. That is the San Jose, Calif., area.



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

Reds Plan Disposal Of Shanghai's Idle Million

SHANGHAI, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Shanghai's unemployed total 1,000,000 persons, the communist military control commission announced Monday.

Of these 250,000 are industrial workers, 650,000 are "paupers" and the others are classified by the communists as "land owners, wealthy farmers and lawless elements," who fled to Shanghai from the interior and are not employed.

Thus the city's unemployed population numbers a sixth of the city's population. The commission said those with homes elsewhere would be sent to them.

Those without homes are to be sent to north Kiangsu and North Anhwei provinces to be settled on new farm areas. Only the destitute are to have their transportation paid.

The announcement said "all public bodies and charitable organizations are requested to cooperate with the government to carry out the plan."

The communists, who appear to think the nationalist blockade will last indefinitely, say they hope ultimately to move 3,000,000 persons out of Shanghai to farm areas to ease the burden caused by the loss of sea commerce.

Staff Chiefs Find Encouragement In Talks Overseas

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—

The joint chiefs of staff returned Tuesday, ready to give Congress the benefit of their 10-day conferences in Europe with Atlantic pact nations military chiefs.

General Omar N. Bradley, Army Chief of Staff; General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff, and Admiral Louis Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations, returned aboard President Truman's plane. Tomorrow they are to appear before the Senate Armed Forces committee.

General Bradley described the conferences as "a grand start toward organizing the unity and collective security under the Atlantic pact."

Bradley said the three chiefs in making the trip had two objectives: To inspect U.S. forces in Germany and Austria, and to discuss with the defense chiefs of Atlantic pact nations possible organization under the pact.

"We discussed several forms of organization," Bradley said. "But

we didn't try to arrive at any decision."

Bradley said that the chiefs of the nations with whom they conferred "took our coming over so soon after passage of the Atlantic pact as an indication of our willingness to make it work."

He added: "We hope that these frank discussions and exchanges of views will help our respective governments and will shorten conferences necessary to organize under the pact."

NON-SUPPORT CHARGED

Deputy Sheriff Dallas Bennett returned to Roseburg Monday night from LaGrande where he had gone to take into custody Edwin B. Moore, charged with non-support.

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Publisher To Give Fine Home For Monastery

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 10.—(AP)—The showplace plantation home of Time-Life magazine publisher Henry R. Luce near here is going to be converted into a monastery for Catholic monks who take vows of poverty.

Luce has conveyed most of his Mepkin plantation in Berkeley county near Monks Corner to the Catholic diocese of Charleston for a Trappist monastery. The most Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, Bishop of Charleston, announced the acquisition yesterday.

Monks of the Cistercian (Trappist) order from the Gethsemane, Ky., monastery, are expected to arrive at the plantation this winter to begin work on the development of the foundation.

Involved in the transaction was \$200,000, payable \$40,000 a year for five years.

Luce conveyed the Manor House, three guest houses and 3,130 acres of the 7,200 acres of the plantation to the diocese. The Mepkin monastery will be the third in the United States. The others are at Gethsemane and Conyers, Ga.

About a year ago Mrs. Luce, a former congresswoman, gave money to the Benedictine order to help found the Regina Laudis abbey at Bethlehem, Conn.

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Future Farmers And 4-H'ers To Have Prominent Roles In County Fair, Kiwanians Told

The part to be played in the coming Douglas county fair by Future Farmers of America and 4-H club members was explained to Kiwanis members Tuesday at the regular noon meeting of the organization at the Umpqua hotel.

Homer Grow, speaking for F. F. A., told Kiwanians that this will be the first county fair in 36 years. Although we will have a relatively small beginning, he said, future plans call for one of the largest and best equipped fairgrounds in the state.

Grow extended a special invitation to Kiwanians to attend the fair and see the Kiwanis heifer calf presented last year to Billy Austin, F. F. A. member. Grow said the heifer has since given birth to a calf which will be kept by young Austin until it is six months old, then given to another F. F. A. member. In this way, the "Kiwanis calf chain" will keep growing, he said.

Frank von Borstel, county 4-H club agent, invited the audience to view the enlarged fair facilities being prepared for the opening of the fair Aug. 25-27.

Livestock Entries Fair in "I think you'll be amazed at the immensity of the project," he

said. He said 220 horse stalls have been built, as have two 100 by 20 feet livestock barns and the main pavilion, measuring 100 by 140 feet.

Von Borstel said already nearly 100 livestock entries have been received from county 4-H club members. This is in addition to home economics, forestry, showmanship, home making and crop contests to be entered by the club members.

In all, F. F. A. and 4-H club members will occupy about one-fourth of the total space in the main pavilion, he said.

Von Borstel especially stressed the emphasis to be placed on community and grange exhibits. He said exhibit space could be arranged for by contacting Paul Aebel fair manager. These exhibits will be judged on their effectiveness originality and quality of the articles shown and should be so arranged as to display to the best advantage the articles and produce from each community.

Preceding the speakers' remarks, Alvin Kinross, Douglas Community hospital manager, was introduced as a new member of the Roseburg Kiwanis club.

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