

Wagner Bill Would Set Up U.S. Benefit Program for Jobless

By S. BURTON HEATH
WASHINGTON, (NEA) — The Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill proposes to nationalize the system of unemployment compensation in the United States, extend its coverage to virtually every person who works for a private employer, and bring its benefit rate and duration up to the approximate level of the most generous states.

At the same time, a system of disability and maternity benefits would be grafted onto unemployment compensation, and the cost of both programs would be split between worker and employer.

Provides for Dependents
Unemployment compensation each would pay one per cent of wages up to \$3,000 a year; for disability compensation each would pay one-half per cent of wages.

At present the employer pays, on the average, about 2 percent of his payroll, and the worker pays nothing except in Alabama, California, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

Under the Wagner bill a worker must have earned, in his base year, at least 30 times his basic weekly benefit. This would liberalize eligibility in 14 states and make it more difficult in 21 states.

The rate is determined by a table in the bill, reproduced with this article. The table introduces a new concept into unemployment compensation — provision for dependents. It is graduated to give a higher percentage bene-

fit to the lower income brackets. Because this table works thus, and is arranged in income brackets of \$25 a month range, it is difficult to offer any flat comparisons with existing provisions of state laws. The effect can be suggested by taking two extremes.

A worker whose highest quarterly wage in his base year was \$125 would get \$5 a week under the Wagner bill for himself, \$1.50 for the first dependent, \$1 for the second and 50 cents for the third. The basic benefit equals 1/25 of this particular highest quarterly wage. At present 13 states pay that much, 17 states pay more, 7 pay less, and 14 have tables varying in provision. But with a wife and two or more children this worker would receive \$8.

Many More Eligible
A worker whose high quarterly wage was \$475 (or over) would receive \$20 for himself, or \$30 for himself, wife and two or more children, under the Wagner bill. Only four states now will pay more than \$20 a week under any circumstances; only 21 states will pay as much as \$10 a week; and only 11 will pay as much as \$20 on quarterly earnings no greater than \$475. No state, under any circumstance, pays as much as \$30.

The Wagner bill waiting period of one week is the same as that for 36 states; it would cut in half the period in 14 states and would impose a wait in Maryland, where there is none

now. It is proposed to make unemployment compensation payable up to 26 weeks in any year, plus up to another 26 weeks of disability benefits. The trustees would be authorized, if they thought available funds sufficient, to extend unemployment compensation up to 52 weeks. The largest number of states, 21, now pay up to 20 weeks; the second largest number pays up to 16 weeks; 46 states will not pay for as many as 24 weeks. Only Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Washington now pay up to 26 weeks.

Four Senators to Seek to End Draft of 18, 19 Year Olds
WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (UP) — Four senators — two republicans and two democrats — said today they will seek to end the drafting of 18 and 19 year olds if congress passes a law continuing the draft. They are chairman Elbert D. Thomas, D. Utah, of the military affairs committee and Sens. Pat McCarran, D. Nev., Warren R. Austin, R. Vt., and Homer Ferguson, R. Mich.

Thomas who plans to introduce today his bill to increase enlistment inducements but continue drafting men 18-25, said he will seek to amend his bill to end the "teen-age draft."

Oppose Draft
Many senators still oppose continuation of the draft. Thomas himself said he thought it could be stopped soon after the improved voluntary system is put into operation.

Thomas, Sen. John L. McClellan, D. Ark., and Rep. Dudley G. Roe, D. Md., have urged use of troops of other nationalities — Chinese, Filipinos, French, etc. — to police Germany and Japan.

Houston Survivors Worked to Death On Thai Railroad
CALCUTTA, Sept. 6 (UP) — Survivors, long given up for dead, revealed today the American cruiser Houston, which vanished without trace after the battle of the Java Sea, was sunk in flames by a Japanese task force off the Java coast with a loss of 644 of her 1,012-man crew.

Of 368 survivors who reached Java's beaches and were captured by the Japanese, 220 were sent to Burma where 69 died along with 62 other American and 20,000 allied prisoners of war laboring in the steaming sun on construction of the Burma-Thailand railroad.

The remainder of those rescued from the Houston were sent to Japan as "technicians" and have not been heard from since.

One of every four of 475 American soldiers and sailors working on the project died. One officer estimated the 131st had left one-fourth of its 256 survivors buried beside the deep cuts and steep grades of the railway.

They lay mixed among the graves of 150,000 Thai and Burmese slave laborers who were also worked to death.

SET HOP WAGE CEILING
PORTLAND, Sept. 6 (UP) — Hearings will be held Saturday at the Salem chamber of commerce to set wage ceilings for hop harvesting.

Deserts cover 24 per cent of the earth's surface.

Rules Classes in 4-H County Fair Listed by Gasset

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160 lbs., all breeds competing — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third. Pen of four fat hogs, all breeds competing — \$5 first, \$3 second, \$2 third. Feeder pigs, under 180 lbs., all breeds competing — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third. Champion, ribbon.

Class VIII, sheep (may be graded but must conform to type) Ewe, born before July 1, 1944, all breeds competing — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third. Fat lamb, all breeds competing — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third. Champion, ribbon.

Class IX, saddle horses, all horses and owners competing, to be judged on care of animal, care of equipment, and horsemanship — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third.

Class X, rabbits, all breeds. Doe — \$1.50 first, \$1 second, \$0.50 third. Buck — \$1.50 first, \$1 second, \$0.50 third.

Class XI, poultry. Class XI, heavy. Class XII, light. Light hen — \$75 first, \$50 second, \$25 third. Heavy hen — \$75 first, \$50 second, \$25 third. Light cockerel — \$75 first, \$50 second, \$25 third. Heavy cockerel — \$75 first, \$50 second, \$25 third. Pen of three light hens — \$1 first, \$75 second, \$25 third. Pen of three heavy hens — \$1 first, \$75 second, \$25 third. Champion hen, ribbon; champion cockerel, ribbon; champion pen of three hens, ribbon.

Garden Display
Class XIII, garden, display to include anything raised in the garden, and including project books completed to Sept. 1 — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third. Display of five, or more, main garden vegetables — \$1.50 first, \$1 second, \$0.50 third. Single displays of the following vegetables: six onions, six potatoes, six ears of corn (stripped), six tomatoes, three cabbage, six carrots, three squash, one quart dry beans, one plate full string beans, (to be shown individually for separate awards) — \$50 first, \$25 second, ribbon, third.

Class XIV, judging contest. All 4-H members are to compete, with only Union county members receiving cash awards. Baker and Wallowa counties are to compete for the tri-county trophy. Judging for: one class of dairy, one class of sheep, one class of hogs, and one class of beef. Reasons are to be given in case of ties — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third.

Class XV, showmanship. Class XVI, dairy showmanship; class XVII, hog showmanship; class XVIII, beef showmanship. Animals are to be fitted before the contest, with the exception of beef. Each contestant for beef showmanship will wet and curl the animal's coat while in the show ring. An assistant may hold the animal. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for fitting, with showing of the animal immediately following.

Showmanship
Basis of award for showmanship: 40 percent for preparation for showing — condition of feet and horns, cleanliness and grooming; 40 percent for showing the animal — appearance of exhibitor; control of animal by exhibitor; poise and coolness of exhibitor; skill in showing, including attention, keeping animal placed to advantage, and ability to move animal as requested; and 20 percent for fleshing and condition. Awards — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third.

Class electrical (best educational exhibit on electrical commerce) — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third.

Class XXI, dairy herd records, display consisting of a postwar giving advantages of work and its purpose, also record book complete up to Sept. 1 — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third.

Class XXII, demonstrations. A demonstration team consists of two members carrying the same 4-H project. Twenty minutes will be allowed for each team's demonstration which may consist of any phase of their project. Contestant project work must be finished up to Sept. 1. Money is to be divided equally between two winning members. Awards — \$10 first, \$8 second, ribbons third.

Crops
Class XXIII, crops identification. All county 4-H members may compete. Awards — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third.

Class XXIV, weed identification. All county 4-H members may compete. This class consists of identifying common weeds that grow in the county. Awards — \$3 first, \$2 second, \$1 third.

Boeing Factories Cut Back on Work
SEATTLE, Sept. 6 (UP) — Army air forces have notified Boeing aircraft company a drastic cut-back of schedules previously planned for post V-J day production is to be made immediately, Boeing officials said today.

The cut-back, the announcement said, means virtually all work already has been accomplished on the planes Boeing will be permitted to deliver in the next several months.

Boeing officials did not estimate the number of employees who will be thrown out of work.

Today We Pay Tribute to—



Jack K. Furgason, 22, corporal in the AAF, ATC, serving somewhere in China.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Furgason, 908 C avenue, and the husband of the former Lois Holman, who resides at 1006 13th street, La Grande.

Furgason attended grade school at Ladd Canyon, high school in La Grande and was inducted into the army service on February 23, 1942.

He was married January 31, 1941.



Charles Wallace Fross, chief carpenter's mate, USNR, 1805 Fourth street, La Grande, has been released from the navy at Puget Sound navy yard, Bremerton, Wash., under the navy point system of discharges. His wife is Mrs. Nina Fross, and their daughter, Mrs. Norman West resides here with them.

Your GI Rights Problems of Men In Service

By DOUGLAS LARSEN
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WASHINGTON — Here are some questions from veterans regarding National Service Life Insurance:

Q. I have heard conflicting reports on how and whether I can continue my government insurance. Will you explain?

A. Yes, you can continue your government insurance. You will find it one of the most valuable things you received from the service. Just pay premiums to the Collections Subdivision, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

Q. May a person now in service carry both U. S. Government Life (converted) Insurance and National Service Life Insurance?

A. Yes, but the total of all Government Insurance held by any person may not exceed \$10,000 at any one time.

Q. My husband has \$5000 worth of Government Life Insurance. Does that mean I get it only if he is killed in action?

A. If premiums are paid up to date you get the \$5000 in regular monthly payments regardless of how your husband dies.

Q. I had a brother who was killed in action. He had just gotten married and made his wife the beneficiary in his \$10,000 Government Life Insurance policy. His wife claims she has enough money to live on from that policy but I understand the payments are not very much. She is 25 years old. How much would

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