

Unemployment Rises in 16 Of 20 Countries, ILO Reports

GENEVA—Unemployment has increased over a period of one year in all but four of 20 nations in Europe, North America and Oceania, a survey completed by the International Labor Organization (ILO) here indicates.

Only Ireland, Sweden, Australia and New Zealand, of the countries listed, accounted for fewer unemployed, the survey shows.

Although unemployment rose slightly in the United Kingdom, it was still comparatively low. Last December the number of totally unemployed was 352,000, compared to 350,200 a year earlier.

Estimates based on the latest survey in the United States indicate that 4,480,000 of the country's civilian labor force were out of work in January 1950, a record high since 1941.

In Canada, the number of unemployed insured workers was 222,100 in December 1949 compared to 144,100 in December 1948.

In France, the number of job applicants including those seeking a change of occupation was 153,500 in December 1949 compared

to 98,600 a year before.

The number of unemployed in The Netherlands increased from 32,700 in November 1948 to 49,900 in November 1949.

Unemployment remained high in Belgium during the last 12-month period. In January 1950 the number of insured workers out of work was 309,000 compared to 253,600 in January 1949.

Denmark had 69,600 trade unionists out of work in January 1950 compared to 61,000 at the beginning of 1949.

In Norway, the average unemployment was lower during 1949 than in 1948. However, the number of unemployed insured workers stood at 12,000 in December 1949, compared to 9900 in the same month in 1948.

Unemployment more than doubled in Finland—from 26,300 in January 1949 to 52,900 in January 1950.

The German Federal Republic continued to show a high rate of unemployment, according to the ILO report. In the British and American zones, unemployment among wage and salary earners climbed from 742,900 in December 1948, to 1,481,900 in December 1949. In the French Zone the number of persons out of work rose from 16,700 in December 1948, to 76,600 one year later.

Applicants registered for work in Austria totaled 139,600 in December 1949, compared to 93,600 one year earlier.

In Italy, the unemployed increased from 1,481,600 in October 1948 to 1,502,300 in October 1949.

The number of unemployed in Spain increased from 129,500 in November 1948, to 169,300 in November 1949.

Switzerland reported 30,200 unemployed in January 1950, compared to 15,500 in January 1949. In Puerto Rico, 100,000 of the civilian labor force were unemployed in October 1949 compared to 74,000 one year before.

Unemployment decreased in the following countries: Ireland, 36,300 insured workers unemployed in January 1950, compared to 42,100 one year ago; Sweden, 18,600 trade unionists without work in November 1949, compared to 23,900 in November 1948; New Zealand, 30 unemployed insured workers in November 1949, compared to 40 the previous year; Australia, 0.8 per cent of the country's trade unionists were out of work in the last quarter of 1949 compared to 0.9 per cent in the same period of 1948.

TWO SETS OF BOSTON TRIPLETS BORN MONTH APART



TWO SETS OF TRIPLETS, recently delivered by the stork, got together in the premature nursery of Boston Lying-In Hospital. Nurses Elsa Peterson, Virginia Roa and Norma Worthley bring the D'Aveta triplets, Rose Marie, Ruth Lois and Rege Adelaide, to incubators containing the younger Kellogg triplets, Jarvis, Nancy and John. The D'Aveta trio was born December 30 and the Kellogg babies January 30. (International)

NEW CHEMICAL KILLS MOST KINDS OF BLACKBERRIES

Four to six pounds of 2,4,5-T acid per acre applied after the plants are fully leafed out will give good control on both large and small blackberry plants, write authors Rex Warren and Virgil Freed in revised O.S.C. extension bulletin No. 570, entitled, "Evergreen, Himalaya, and Wild Blackberry" which is now ready for release.

This is a new chemical, and not to be confused with 2,4-D.

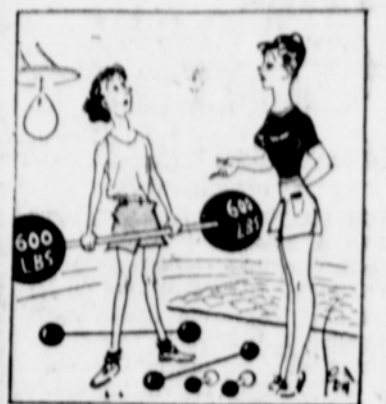
The best time to spray using the new chemical, is when the blackberry leaves are expanded and reached mature size. The publication details the application amounts and spray pressures required.

It is difficult, if not impossible, the authors write, to obtain a 100 per cent kill with the first application. After spring application, the new growth is fall treated or sprayed again the following spring.

Control measures using chlorates and ammonium sulfamate are also included.

Warren is an extension farm crops specialist. Freed is agronomist in charge of weed control work for the O.S.C. experiment station. Copies may be obtained from county extension offices or by writing direct to the college.

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Excise Taxes Threaten Prosperity of Automotive Industry Biggest Employer

Washington—Continuation of Federal excise taxes on automotive products is a serious threat to employment in the automotive industry and in the other large segment of the nation's economy which depend largely on motor vehicles for their prosperity, George Romney, appearing for the Automobile Manufacturers Association recently told the House Ways and Means committee.

Mr. Romney, who is vice president of Nash-Kelvinator Corporation and a member of the AMA Taxation committee, said repeal is already late. He pointed out that the employment curve in the automotive industry is highly sensitive to the sales curve and Congress should act now and not wait until business is affected to the point that employment is declining.

Congress originally imposed excise taxes on automotive products in 1932 as a "temporary, emergency" measure, Mr. Romney said. Before the war they were doubled to curtail the manufacture and use of motor vehicles in the interest of armament production. Following the war the abnormal demand for cars and trucks offset their curtailment effect on sales and employment. However, with the industry returning rapidly to pre-war conditions where costs and prices are basic sales and employment factors, these taxes will again curtail sales, production and employment.

Automotive transportation is the nation's biggest source of industrial employment. It provides one out of every seven jobs in this country. Failure to act until the automotive industry is a hardship industry would create serious repercussions throughout the economy.

The Federal excise levy adds about \$95 to the selling price of the average new car, Mr. Romney said, and about \$76 to the price of trucks. In addition, the Federal government assesses motorists for the gasoline and oil they use, for the tires and tubes, and the replacement parts and accessories they may need to keep their car or truck operating.

These taxes fall heaviest on the low-income groups, on the workers, on the farmers, on the people who live in small towns. They find motor vehicles an absolute necessity in their daily lives.

Mr. Romney also said that the excise tax on his industry's products are discriminatory because only the automobile among necessary productive tools, is so burdened. The farmer, for instance, is taxed for his truck but not his tractor, the paving contractor for his truck but not his mixing machine, the metal-working plant operator is taxed for his truck but not his machinery, and so on, he explained.

Odd Fact

When you think you see a star twinkling, you're mistaken, say the experts, who explain that the twinkling effect of stars is caused by movements in the observer's own eyes.

BERT HANDS RECEIVES PIECE OF GOPHER WOOD

Bert Hands, owner of the Main street popcorn stand, is displaying a piece of very pretty wood, light in color, but heavy in weight as other hard woods are—gopher wood. This wood was sent to Mr. Hands by a friend at Bristol, Florida.

Gopher wood is very scarce, and only grown in two places in the world—the forests of Lebanon at the eastern end of the Mediterranean and in part of Florida. In Florida it grows on a small strip about 15 miles long by one mile wide along the eastern shore of the Great Apalachicola river just north of the little county seat town of Bristol in Liberty county, Florida.

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A WORLD WAR hero, Capt. Irving T. Duke has been assigned to take over command of the battleship Missouri April 17. Presently the commanding officer of the heavy cruiser Rochester, Capt. Duke will replace Capt. William D. Brown, who is to be tried before a general court-martial shortly on charges growing out of the Missouri's grounding on January 17. (International Soundphoto)

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Pete Marquetti is recuperating in a Portland hospital where he has been for some time and his condition is reported to be serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Leotis Burkleo and family of Port Orford visited relatives here over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kimmel of Holbrook, Nebraska were Monday overnight guests at the Bob Outney home. Mrs. Kimmel is an aunt of Mrs. Outney.

Miss Faye Thompson of Rogue River visited the Curtin school Monday.

Mrs. Rhea Cosby returned home Saturday evening from California where she had been vacationing for some time.

Miss Peggy Meacham and Jack Kerr visited Miss Meacham's aunt in Portland over the week end.

Theodore Satterfield's station wagon was involved in a wreck on the Comstock by-pass early morning as Mr. Satterfield was going to work, being struck by another car. No one was injured but damage to both cars was extensive.

Bill Cosby entered school a week ago Monday at Ashland. The census taker was busy in the Curtin community Monday.

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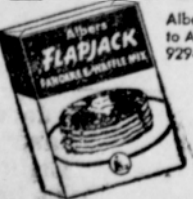
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