

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, WASH.

We, the rank and file delegation, have been unanimously elected by over ^{thousand} ~~2000~~ unemployed workers assembled before the City Hall on Feb. 10, 1931, as a delegation representing the interests of our fellow-workers and are voicing their demands.

In the city of Seattle, it is known that there are between 45,000 to 50,000 unemployed workers and their families and they are suffering from cold and hunger. It is reported daily in the local press, about the numerous suicides and other acts of desperation amongst the suffering masses of this city, due to their terrible plight as a result of unemployment. The masses of the city of Seattle are suffering as a result of the breakdown of the present capitalist system of economy which has proven itself unable to serve the interests of mankind.

Not being content with throwing the many millions of workers out into the streets after having exploited them in the industries, at a pittance, the bosses are resorting to the most inhuman speed-up system, sapping every ounce of energy out of the working class. Already there is a systematic drive against the workers in the city, to cut their wages down below the level of existence. The cost of living is still too high and many workers are unable to obtain decent food or living accommodations, because of the high rents. The sloop houses, soup lines and bread lines, are feeding stuff that they call food, which the rich people would not even think of feeding to their hogs or pet dogs,

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food that upsets the workers' stomachs and besides this, the workers are compelled to suffer all sorts of abuses and humiliations at the hands of the so-called "charity organizations".

The suffering of the masses of the City of Seattle are the common sufferings of over 10 million workers throughout the U. S. for which the capitalist government refuses to do anything. And, Herbert Hoover, in the face of these miserable conditions, which, according to Senator Caraway of Arkansas, results in a daily death toll of over 1000 starving workers and their families, has stated "that while the people must be responsible to the government, the government cannot be responsible to the people." This is a complete and open and cynical refutation and denial of the so-called democratic ~~pretensions~~ pretensions of the capitalist class of America which were veiled in the sugar-coated phrases of the "great emancipator", Abraham Lincoln, when he stated that this government was for the people. This is an open admission by the capitalist politicians and spokesmen that they lie when they state to the masses during the election campaigns "that they are for the people" and that they are the "people's choice" and that they are representing the people "impartially". has been proven a lie not only by the open admission by Herbert Hoover but also by the fact that the Red Cross Society which is an instrument of the bankers and business men, together with Hoover and the present government administration, refuses to ^{feed} satisfy the hungry masses in the farming areas.

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While the ex-servicemen, who risked their lives on the battle fronts for the interests of Wall Street, are denied the cash bonus, millions of dollars are being given back by Andrew Mellon as tax rebates to the large corporations.

Already the U. S. Public Health Commissioner, ~~Cummins~~ Cummings, has testified before a Senate Committee, that in more than 17 farming states, as well as in the cities, there will be a tremendous death rate and disease rate, due to starvation, pellegra, tuberculosis, typhoid, etc; all resulting from the terrible plight that the masses find themselves to-day, many of whom are compelled to eat out of garbage cans, while the ~~capitalist~~ capitalist class is wallowing in luxury, holding forth at their banquets and balls and cynically laughing in the face of the hunger corpses that are stalking throughout the country.

To-day, a mass delegation of hundreds of workers, representing the millions of unemployed masses of this country, are at Washington, D. C. for the purpose of presenting the millions of signatures collected by the unemployed councils and conferences; to be presented to Congress demanding the immediate enactment of the Social Insurance Bill, sponsored by the Unemployed Councils and the Trade Union Unity League, demanding unemployment insurance, to be paid by confiscating the billions of dollars of war preparations for, the unemployment insurance fund; for the taxing of the rich and by other means, which can very easily be done by reducing the profits and incomes of the idle class.

Only in the Soviet Union, where the working class owns and controls not only its industries and other means of production, but also the government, there is no unemployment; they are short

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over two million workers and while the cultured and trained technicians of the U. S. can find no employment in this country, only in the Soviet Union can they find an outlet for their talents as well as earn a living. Thus we witness the emigration of over 13,000 technicians from the U. S. to the Soviet Union, which is the only land owned and controlled by the workers; where conditions of the masses are constantly getting better as contrasted to the conditions in the capitalist countries; proving the superiority of the socialist system of society over the bankrupt capitalist system which cannot any longer serve the interests of humanity.

In this land of richness and plenty, the idle rich are wallowing in luxury, while masses are dying of starvation and disease.

Therefore, we the delegation ~~being~~ elected by the assembled unemployed workers who have gathered here for the purpose of voicing ~~their~~ their desires and demands in support of their delegates at Washington, for unemployment insurance, demand that the city of Seattle, as well as the state of Washington, shall go on record in support of this delegation, which is presenting the millions of signatures demanding the enactment of this bill by Congress and amongst which there are thousands of signatures collected in the city of Seattle.

We demand immediate and decisive action by the city council in support of the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill, as presented to Congress by the mass delegation in Washington today. We further demand as measures to be taken for the immediate relief of the unemployed of the city of Seattle that the following measures as presented herein shall be adopted and especially do we demand

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the immediate appropriation by the city of 5 million dollars for the immediate relief of the unemployed of this city. We further demand, immediate enactment through law of the following demands presented herein and we also demand that these measures be carried through by the measures proposed.