

URGE EXTENSION SOCIAL SECURITY

Board Seeking More Coverage For Unemployed; Increased Payments Are Also Sought For Children.

A broadminded unemployment compensation act; increased assistance for needy and dependant children, and payment to the indigent on the basis of necessity rather than strict legal qualification—all of these objectives are wrapped up in the Social Security board's plan which it is pressing for immediate adoption.

Proponents point to at least three practical reasons for adopting the social security program in the very midst of war.

First, we can better afford it now, they say. A broad social insurance program, protecting workers and their families against all major economic hazards, would cost employees from 3 to 6 per cent of their wages, and employers from 5 to 6 per cent of their pay rolls (under the present law the combined rate will be 9 per cent in 1949). Today, when most workers are employed at good wages, is the best time to start the expanded program, the social security board says.

Secondly, it would help check inflation, they say. One of the present needs is the "salting away" of excess purchasing power to thwart inflation. Investing surplus buying power in future security, through increased social security contributions, officials believe, would help check price rise and narrow the "inflationary gap" between buying

power and available goods. Third, it would give reality to promises. On August 14, 1935, social security was adopted as a national program for the United States. Since then good progress has been made, it is said, and the program has brought tangible benefits to millions of people, with these benefits spreading. But they have limits which, however necessary they may have seemed in the beginning, proponents contend, are no longer necessary. The time has come, they believe, when we should have a broad social insurance system protecting all workers and their families against the hazards to livelihood which come through unemployment, sickness, injury, old age, and death.

Many Unemployed. In the midst of calls for additional millions of war workers, comes the recent bureau of census announcement that 900,000 workers were unemployed in May, 1943.

Some of the 900,000 people now unemployed, however, are in boom towns and communities where factories or parts of them are shut down while they get ready for a new war contract, or a new model of some war machine. Or maybe the factory is waiting for materials, and the workers must wait also.

In short, the present amount of unemployment is not hard to account for, says the social security board, though it is hard to conquer. Fortunately, unemployment insurance can ease the hardships for about a quarter million of those unemployed. If we can broaden our social insurance programs, we can perhaps take care of many more.

A bigger unemployment problem lies ahead, according to the board. When the fighting stops, there will be millions of war workers to demobilize, as well as soldiers and sailors and marines. What about jobs for them? Can there possibly be enough? Some folks say yes, there can be, in the long run. But nearly everybody adds, "In the meantime what? They can't all find their places at once, and they must have something to live on until they get work."

That, of course, is where unemployment insurance should come in. That will be the rainy day for which we have been saving up. When that day arrives, the vast umbrella will open.

With regard to unemployment

Guadalcanal Hero



His ship, carrying a cargo of gasoline, was struck and set afire. James Stalp, above, 23-year-old gunner from Nashville, Tenn., ran the length of the craft through the flames, rescued three men, then returned to his post despite the blaze and shot down a Japanese bomber.

compensation, we have in reality 51 systems in operation in each state or territory. These systems do not cover many important groups, and protect but imperfectly millions of Americans who are eligible to come under them, it is said.

At the present time, unemployment compensation is operated by the states in co-operation with the federal government. The system was authorized by the social security act, which was passed in 1935. By August of 1937 all of the 51 jurisdictions—the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and Alaska—had entered the system. And thus we have 51 different unemployment insurance laws, no two of them just alike.

However, millions are not "covered" in these laws. Among them servants, public employees, maritime workers, and the employees of nonprofit institutions, such as charitable, religious, and educational organizations. In 24 states, employees of firms having less than eight persons on the payroll are not covered. In some other states the limitation is to firms with six or more, four or more, and so on, with only 10 states covering firms with one or more employees.

In the matter of benefits, the social security board thinks there should be additional benefits for the dependents of a man who is out of work. A family of five or six can't live on what it takes to support one or two or three. The board feels, also, that benefits should be payable for a longer period than at present—perhaps for 26 weeks when a person is unemployed that long.

Would Aid Children. One change suggested by the board would permit the federal government to share with the states the cost of payments in behalf of any needy child living with a parent or relative. As it stands, the social security act specifies that only children who lack a parent's support or care because the parent is dead, absent, or incapacitated, is entitled to assistance.

Another proposal of the board would increase or remove the top limit on federal funds which can be used for dependent children. At present the maximum amount of federal funds which can be used is nine dollars a month for the first dependent child and six dollars for each additional child in the same home—the federal government can-month for a family with three children.

Although 3 million people are receiving payments under federal-state public assistance plans, there are other people who need help but who do not qualify for payments. These are persons unable to support themselves even though they are not over 65 or under 18 or blind, or who have not lived in a particular state long enough to be eligible for public assistance. Destitution and want, like floods and tornadoes, hit people irrespective of age or length of residence in a state. That is why the social security board has proposed assistance to needy persons without regard to age or legal residence be made possible.

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Mabel News

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Church and son Wynn, of Herrin, Ill., arrived here Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Church and other relatives.

Pfc. Glenn H. Dishman of Camp White, Oregon, is spending a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Dishman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronda Younce of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived here last week for a visit with relatives.

Miss Maude Williams of Kingsport, Tenn., spent last week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Ted Robinson spent last week at Doe Valley, Tenn., visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Garland.

Pfc. Russell Thomas of Camp White Oregon, is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Thomas.

Mr. R. H. Townsend is recovering from a serious illness. His condition is said to be improving and everyone is wishing for him a speedy recovery.

Pfc. Hight E. Williams of Drew Field, Tampa, Fla., is spending a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed S. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farthing and children of Wytheville, Va., were visitors here with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Winebarger Sunday.

Mrs. Richard Randolph and daughter Johnnie Kay, of Johnson City, Tenn., were visitors here Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Eggers.

Funeral services for Little Miss Mary Sue Settemyre, age 6, were held at Mabel church Tuesday. She was killed at Cleveland, Ohio last Friday, by a car as she and some other children were playing. Her mother was the former Miss Blanche Kirby of Mabel.

Silverstone News

Mrs. Bob Perry is improving after a brief illness.

Mrs. Russel Gantt and children spent the week-end with her sister Mrs. Fred Brown of Rutherford.

Mr. Frank Moody and Mr. Owen Lettles left last week for Cleveland, Ohio, where they are expecting to get work.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hollar of Boone visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Wilson.

Miss Elva Sheffield from Rochester, N. Y., has visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Sheffield.

Rev. Carl Tripiett filled his regular appointment at Pleasant Grove Church Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Conley Dancey spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Brown of Rutherford Sunday.

Misses Betty Joe Culler spent last Sunday night with Miss Elva Sheffield.

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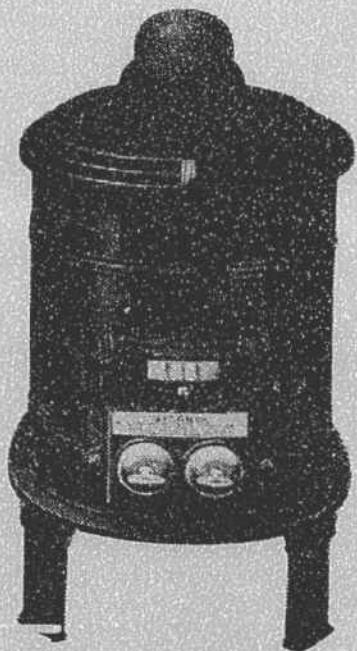
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