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## FARMERS' GROSS INCOME IN 1946 SHOWS 208 PCT. GAIN

Income received by farmers in 1946 was 208 per cent greater than the average for the years 1935-1939 and the value of assets held by farmers doubled since 1940, according to a report issued by the Agriculture Department economists.

The nation's farmers received a record \$24,500,000,000 for last year's crops and started 1947 with assets worth \$111,209,000,000.

The economists' report, based on revised figures, pointed out that most of the increase in farmers' gross earnings resulted from still-booming prices that have, shot up their income still further during the first eight months of this year.

Despite the record take last year, the report said, farmers went further into debt. The total of crop loans increased from \$3,119,000,000 to \$3,524,000,000 during the year and mortgages on farms climbed 600 million dollars to a year-end total of \$4,890,000,000.

In this connection, the Federal Reserve System reported that insured commercial banks alone had \$2,200,000,000 outstanding in mortgage and short-term farm production loans as of last June 30.

The agriculture experts said that farmers' cash earnings last year were "the largest in a continually increasing series which started in 1939 and apparently has not yet reached its climax."

"This long uptrend in farm income," they said, "stemmed from the strong wartime and postwar demand for all farm products, and from increased production. Price increases have played a major part in the gains."

An official Agriculture Department report showed recently that farmers were doing even better this year. It said the average farmer was taking in more dollars than ever before and that net receipts during the first eight months of 1947 totaled \$17,400,000,000.

## GI UNEMPLOYMENT PAY TOPS \$2.5 BILLION MARK

Washington, D. C.—The Veterans Administration announced that over \$2½ billion has been paid to veterans in unemployment or self-employment allowances since the fall of 1944.

However, only half of the nation's 14,500,000 World War II veterans have received readjustment payments of any kind and fewer than 8 in every 100 have claimed all of the allowances to which they are entitled under the GI bill.

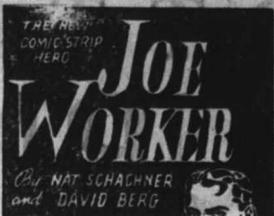
Unemployment payments made made to an average of 750,000 veterans during July, 1947, compared with a weekly peak of 1,800,000 a year earlier. Self-employed claimants, numbered 250,000 during June, 1947, compared with a monthly peak of 322,000.

## FEINBERG, ILGWU LEADER, LAUDED FOR HIS SERVICE

New York City.—A crowd of 1,000 persons in Town Hall paid tribute to Israel Feinberg, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and general manager of the New York Cloak Joint Board of the union, in celebration of his 40 years of service in the labor movement.

David Dubinsky, president of the ILGWU, said Mr. Feinberg had been instrumental in bringing to the cloak makers the high standards and conditions that had placed them at the top level of American workers.

"The establishment of health, vacation and retirement funds in the cloak industry," Mr. Dubinsky added, "is due to his persistence and vision."



THE CONDOR THUGS WERE PUT TO FLIGHT BY THE QUICK THINKING OF SAMMY EPSTEIN AND TOMMY JONES. BUT JOE WORKER WAS BLACKJACKED FROM BEHIND. WE FIND HIM IN SALLY'S HOME.

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## Russian Tactics Call For Plain Talking, Says AFL

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