

Could We Have Done Without It?

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THE militant struggles of the unemployed throughout the country, from San Francisco to Boston, from Birmingham to Chicago, have been led in great measure by the Daily Worker, the fighting organ of the working class of this country. Who can imagine the National Hunger March of last year and particularly of this year without the daily guidance and inspiration of the Daily Worker?

After the speech of Comrade Foster on Sept. 10 in Chicago during the election campaign, when he suggested a National Hunger March, a bonus march and a conference of toiling farmers. The National Committee of the Unemployed Councils worked out plans, which were broadcast to the workers in the 1,500 towns and cities of the country in which there are readers of the Daily Worker. This meant a stimulation to organization and struggle. It meant the arousing of the masses against the hunger program of the bosses and their government. It meant the continued mobilization of these workers and the starving masses for the fight for relief in the cities, counties and states, which will force the government to grant adequate relief and unemployment insurance.

ENEMIES ARE ON THE JOB

The Daily Worker is not merely a workers' newspaper. It is an agitator, a propagandist and an organizer. The enemies of the working class movement are on the job. Hoover's commission report on "recent social trends" has issued its report. These people recognize that the situation was not, and in the crisis is not, such that masses of workers can live. "The workers will have to get used to a lower standard of living," it declares. The demagogues are on the job: they are preparing programs and activities whose intention is NOT to aid the workers, but to keep the unemployed from action under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils. President-elect Roosevelt has an "unemployment insurance" plan; the American Federation of Labor has a scheme. The governors of the various states are not to be outdone. The Socialist Party and Musteite "self-help" schemes to relieve the bosses of the need of providing for the unemployed; the Stuart Chase and other mutual aid plans—all of them are being exposed and blasted by the Daily Worker.

In a word, without the aid of the fighting organ, the Daily Worker, the work of the Unemployed Councils and the struggles of the unemployed could not be carried on with efficiency, the enemies be exposed and routed.

THIS does not mean that the enemies are yet routed—far from it. The deepening crisis is forcing them to use more demagogy. They are fighting in the determination to lower the standard of living of the workers, to put the unemployed on charity rations. They will grant more only if the workers fight. This demands the broadest united front activity. What can aid more in this struggle than the Daily Worker, our collective organizer?

But now the Daily Worker is in financial straits. Not merely can it not expand as the situation demands, it is in danger of suspension. This danger can and will be met, and none feel the need more keenly than the Unemployed Councils and the unemployed workers. THEIR organ, THEIR fighter, cannot be allowed to fail in this situation—with misery deepening, the crisis extending, with war against the Soviet Union threatening.

ALL MUST AID!

The local and neighborhood Unemployed Councils, the block committees, the committees in the unions and fraternal organizations, must come to the aid of the Daily Worker. Aid to the Daily Worker is also aid in the struggle for relief and insurance. Make collections, arrange affairs—follow out the suggestions in the Daily Worker. Get subs for the Daily Worker. The campaign for \$35,000 for the Daily Worker must be participated in with all energy.

We will not only help the Daily Worker over this crisis—we must put the Daily Worker on a basis that will not only ensure its publication, but increase its size and circulation and make it the agitator, propagandist and collective organizer of the broadest masses of workers of this country.

Forward in the campaign for the Daily Worker!