

Who's Going To Feed the Unemployed?

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People fought for lands when there were very few people on earth, so save your histrionics—it's still the same old struggle—a place in the sun.

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Recurring depressions, say every 20 years, is a good indication of the health of capitalism. Like a sworn-off drunk in a recurring spree . . .

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One source of depressions lies in the fact that employment is kept below available hands offering, at all times; complete employment or employment in excess of available workers spells "NO DEPRESSION"—nature takes its course.

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Federal government says, "Let me feed 'em."

States say, "No, let me feed 'em."

WPA lays off some men and says, "Let private employers feed them." (When do we eat?)

Now, if I know anything about jackasses, horses, I should judge that team is pulling squeegee and the "evenner" is going zigzag—passing the buck.

These three soup dispensers should get together and coordinate their aspirations and stop the "tongue" slapping between them — THAT LOAD MUST MOVE.

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It is not a question under what political ticket capitalism is the less despicable—the point is it is despicable.

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Lots of people cannot grasp the true purpose of an orphanage and imagine it is a sort of life-raft to protect the little ones against want and other degradations. In truth, there's where they run a streak of lean in 'em. Essentially they are mal-adroit because the streak of lean was already in the children before the orphanage received them. How I rave?

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Radio entertainment finds its best popularity in the simple fact that any one of its audience can say "shut up"—and make it stick.

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Tighter are the class lines drawing . . . our frontiers are in our own back yard and a "bloodthirsty foreigner" lives back of the fence—'s terrible, isn't it?

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Churches are not a going-concern in the full sense of the word inasmuch as they enjoy a government subsidy in the form of tax-free privilege; the very existence of that special privilege spells the ultimate decline of both church and state.

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"Something less than enough" is highly two-by-four and very expensive—a bad, bad habit. Scarcity.

Poverty? H'm. Poverty was not new in the days of Charles Dickens. A little sense right now would go a long ways to remedy this premiseless pauperism, e cod.

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First they omit the paint from buildings, then they omit the

eggs from breakfast, then they omit the milk from coffee—why not call the game on account of darkness. You cannot cheat yourself.

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De Seversky airship factory got an order for say \$900,000 worth of planes from Uncle Sam. Immediately the company began to feel its oats and sent to De Seversky in Paris a message, "You're fired" as president—this company is composed of manufacturers all the same as razorblade makers to salmon cannery (I forget) which same makes a genuine allied industry.

De Seversky is only a very good airman, a flyer.

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Small-town stuff this idea that "I spent too much for this and that."

You could not have spent too much unless you had too much and employers, whether they be governments or fellow slaves, are very careful not to give you "too much" or even enough—so if you spent "too much" I'd like to know where you got it.

So many banks and businesses are being robbed nowadays that it is dangerous to say "I spent too much," it might be used as circumstantial evidence and you will find yourself in the clink innocent as a new-born babe.

What we want to do is quit griping, organize industrially in the IWW and get that "too much" in the regular manner and try to keep out of the clink and cemetery as long as possible.

We pay "too much" because we get little and do not know what "too much" is. This is too much! 'n I for one am not going to stand for it: we are not being paid "too little"—we're on percentage basis—and that percentage is next to nothing. Too little is almost enough—but what we're getting simply is a sample of that what we produced and cannot be surveyed by such abstract logarithms, whatever that word means.

Other workers get a better break because they are organized. Because they are organized and for that reason only. It is utter folly to say they are living on the fat of the land, fat of WPA or fat of the CCC—fat in the latter two being strangely AWOL, absentee and missing.

They (the other workers) would be getting a still better break if they were better organized and when the CCC and WPA organize, fat shall return to them from the predatory coffers of the parasite class and their stooges, the employers.