

Jobless Problems Concern Youth Of Many Countries

Steps Being Taken To Make Provision For The Younger People.

Geneva, Switzerland.—One of the most tragic features of the continued world unemployment is the demoralizing effects enforced idleness is having upon the youth—both boys and girls—of many countries, according to a report of the International Labor Office. The office has ascertained that approximately 25 per cent. of the 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 unemployed workers today are young persons under 25 years of age.

According to official statistics furnished by various governments Hungary has the largest percentage of youthful unemployed. Forty-two per cent. of her idle workers are under 24 years of age. Italy comes next with 41.5 per cent. of her unemployed between 15 and 25 years old. Exactly one-third of the unemployed in Finland and Sweden are more than 16 and less than 25 years of age.

Unemployment in Great Britain has again touched the 2,000,000 mark. Of this number 600,000 in receipt of "doles" are between 14 and 25 years. Denmark, one of the most progressive of the Scandinavian countries reports slightly more than 28 per cent. of its unemployed are between 18 and 25, while Holland and Norway have averages exceeding 27 per cent.

According to unofficial information from Washington at one time 27.6 per cent. of United States' 10,000,000 idle were between 15 and 24 years old but that figure is supposed to have risen recently.

Statistics from other countries in respect to the number of idle under 24 years are: Germany (in June, 1933), 26.1 per cent.; in June, 1934, 18.8 per cent.; Czechoslovakia, 22.3 per cent.; Switzerland, 15 per cent.

Reports from all the aforementioned countries, and a number of others stress the fact that the consequences of unemployment are more serious on young workers than older people—particularly upon those who have just started to make their way in life. Adults, after long years of experiences are able to face misfortunes nonchalantly while the young people become reckless and demoralized in their social outlook.

Different countries have taken various steps to meet the situation which is expected to grow more serious as the crisis passes, as older workers will be re-absorbed by industry first and the youths later.

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Weekly periodicals are believed to have certain advantages over the daily press for their use as supplementary material in the study of the biological sciences, the physical sciences, the social sciences and the humanities. This was the opinion expressed by educators who held a convention in New York recently. The discussion started on the value of the daily newspaper in the school

and ended with the finding that the weeklies were more valuable for the reasons expressed in the foregoing. The organization responsible for the meeting and discussions was Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers.

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