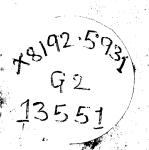


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Three years ago the Institute of Economics brought out a small volume on *Unemployment Insurance in Germany*. Since that time public interest in the problem of unemployment has been sharpened by the events of an economic depression. But even if we succeed in restoring more favorable industrial conditions in the near future, we shall not have solved the problem of unemployment. Experience has shown that even in times of prosperity industry is unable to keep its entire labor force steadily employed. Whatever methods we may eventually develop for dealing with this problem will be more soundly designed if we avail ourselves of the results of others' experience. Hence, the Institute is offering this study of the Austrian system to supplement the earlier one on Germany.

Even the experiments of a small and economically weak nation like Austria, where conditions are dissimilar to those of the United States, should be of value to us. The following pages show that unemployment insurance in Austria has failed to yield certain expected results and has proved weak in certain essentials. Yet, from a consideration of the system as a whole, we may gain much which should be of aid if and when we decide to attack our own unemployment problem.

The author visited Austria three times during the progress of the study. Isador Lubin and Lewis L. Lorwin served with the Director on the committee which co-operated in the preparation of the manuscript

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