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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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