

## STATEMENT OF NATHAN CRONHEIM, REPRESENTING THE LOCAL ACTION COMMITTEE, PHILADELPHIA, PA., AND THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER OF THE INTERPROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

The **CHAIRMAN**. You represent the Local Action Committee of Philadelphia?

Mr. **CRONHEIM**. Yes, and also the Philadelphia Chapter of the Interprofessional Association, which is a federation of architects, engineers, chemists, and technicians, all together comprising some 25,000 to 30,000 members.

The gentlemen who have spoken ahead of me have gone very thoroughly into the manual workers' need for the disqualification of this bill. I shall present the professional workers' views, that is, those of the doctor, lawyer, teacher, social worker, architect, engineer, chemist, technician, artist, musician, and so forth.

To tie in with the preceding speakers, I wish to show that, due to the inadequate financial return to be given the worker, he will not be able to take advantage of the scientific advancements of the professions, namely, in medicine, housing, social welfare, and education. As far as housing is concerned, we can quote from Sir Raymond Unwin, who says that we cannot have low-cost houses without unemployment insurance. These things the worker sorely need.

Due to the provisions of this bill all Government employees are excluded from the benefits of this bill, hence virtually all teachers and social workers and many architects, engineers, and so forth, are excluded.

Most other employed professionals, that is, doctors, lawyers, chemists, musicians, artists, and many architects and engineers, are employees in small businesses. Employees in these small businesses are also excluded from the President's bill.

At the present time, the professionals compose one of the largest of the groups that make up our huge army of the unemployed. Every one of these men and women, due to the terms of this bill, are definitely excluded from benefits until such time as they receive employment. At the present time, the prospects for employment are not bright.

Finally, the professional worker must keep in touch with and be thoroughly up to date with the latest discoveries in his chosen field. This then requires that he must not have long periods of inactivity unless he receives sufficient funds to proceed with his studies, buy necessary books and equipment, and do this without economic worries.

Even if this, the President's bill, were rewritten so as to include the professional worker, we, the professional workers, would still go on record against it because its source of income is unsound and its remuneration is totally inadequate. We stand definitely for H. R. 2827.

The **CHAIRMAN**. Thank you very much, Mr. Philip Ickler, Portland, Oreg.

## STATEMENT OF PHILIP ICKLER, PORTLAND, OREG.

Mr. **ICKLER**. Of course I represent myself. I have lectured throughout the entire country on the solution of unemployment with great success. I have millions of working men behind my plan. I will submit the following propositions for your consideration: