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and if I get too close, you may pull it again. (Laughter)

General Foreman, Ladies and Gentlemen: Mr. McKnight, from our department, has outlined to you what the Department of Nebraska has done and is planning to do. He suggested that I might say something regarding the situation in the larger centers of Nebraska, such as Omaha.

I am not going to do that, but I do want to inject - if I may - a thought which comes to my mind in regard to this program, about which we are talking. I think I, as can every one of you who comes from the ten states represented here, can get up and start out by saying truthfully that perhaps I come from a section of the country which does not feel the depression as much as do other sections of the country.

I think that you gentlemen, the same as I, can say that you can go to the towns and villages and small cities in your state and find that particular community has no unemployment problem. I believe I can say that of my state. We have no great number of men, if any, out of work.

Be that as it may, this is a national emergency. General Foreman made no over-statement of fact when he compared this present emergency to the emergency which existed in 1917 and 1918. I believe that is true, but I also believe this fact is true: That there has never been a time, unless it was in 1917 and 1918, when the manhood and the womanhood of America were so ready to put their shoulders to the wheel



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en masse, in a common cause, as they are today. I believe there never has been a time when employers, labor, capital, luncheon clubs, Legion Posts, Chambers of Commerce, and so forth, were so hungry for a comprehensive plan, something which they can all tie to, regardless of who gets the credit, and put over, as they are today.

Employment committees all over the country are doing wonderful work, but there is not one of them which is not casting about for a new plan, a better plan, a larger, a more comprehensive plan. With that situation facing the Legion; backed by capital, by labor, by industry, and by government, if you please, and led by such men as General Atterbury, who heads the National Employment Committee, George Berry, Marshall Field, and the other men whose names Mr. Plummer has read to you, and, in addition, led by that dynamic National Commander, Henry Stevens, when that group comes out and presents a comprehensive national plan I believe that every organization in every town and hamlet will be quick to jump at it, and will put their shoulders to the wheel.

That plan may not apply in all its details to every local problem, but this is the thought I wanted to inject into this conference: That one of the real functions of this conference is to go back home into our several states and put over the idea and sell it to the people, that this is a national program, that it is backed in a national way, that it



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is going to be no flash in the pan, that it means that the entire nation has set a Zero Hour at which they will all jump off and when we have done this, who knows how far the psychology of a national push upon one day will go?

I merely want to say I think that is a phase of the work which should not be overlooked and we should put the thought out in every section of the state which we represent that there is a Zero Hour, and that this is a national movement.

So far as Omaha and Lincoln are concerned, the subject which Mr. McKnight suggested that I speak upon, I would like to say, General Foreman, that at this conference Colonel Oscar Engler, who is president of the Manufacturers' Association of Omaha, and Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee on Reconstruction, or Unemployment, is much better qualified to speak on that subject, if you wish a resume of it, than I am.

I thank you. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: We will now hear from Mr. Earl Earp, who is the State Commander of Texas, and who, I believe, belongs to one of the largest groups of unemployed - the lawyers. (Laughter)

Earl Earp, State Commander, Texas American Legion  
Sweet Water, Texas

General Foreman, and Gentlemen of this Committee:

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We from Texas are just beginning to feel this unemployment situation, due to the fact that our neighbor on the north has opened the bridges and we have had to call out General Walters' army to take care of that host of people coming down into our great state to eat up what we have been saving all these years.

So far as the Department of Texas is concerned, at this time we find we are meeting with more support in our unemployment plans than we really expected, especially in every other section of the country than the large centers. If we could start some war and give the larger cities back to some other country, we would be all right.

We have the same oil situation as in Oklahoma. We find in one section we have more than twenty-six thousand people who today are out of employment, who were employed less than two years ago. We find that the Red Cross and the different communities interested, in one county alone, are taking care of more than six thousand of those people. This problem is beginning to become acute, especially in these centers. We feel that it is impossible to ask these people to put on ten, twenty, or even six or five per cent, more people on their pay rolls. Those places have already resorted to the five day week and the six hour day. It is a proposition trying to cope with the situation.

We are hauling the people from Mexico out of





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the state by the thousands and tens of thousands, getting them out so we can bring back the white people of the southwestern part of the state and put them in some gainful occupation.

We believe that before we reach the end of this problem, Texas will be found to be doing her share of this work.

CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: I will now call upon Doctor T. C. Fitzgerald, Commander of the Department of Wyoming.

Doctor T. C. Fitzgerald  
Commander of the Department of Wyoming  
Torrington, Wyoming

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Comrades: We of Wyoming are here to learn something of the unemployment situation as regards the other states. Truthfully, I can say to you we do not have an acute problem as regards unemployment in Wyoming. When you stop to think that the population of our entire state is less than half the population of Kansas City, you can readily see why we have no unemployment problem. The two largest cities in our state would not exceed, in population, seventeen thousand.

There is one thing we do have which you people of the Middle West do not realize that we have, and that is distance. When you stop to think that it is necessary, in order to go from my town to the northern part of the state, to travel through three states to get there by railroad, you realize something of our distances.



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As regards our own people, we do not find that there are very many who are unemployed. The unemployed situation, as it affects us, is largely transient, people who are going from one part of the country to another seeking employment, and who will stop along the Union Pacific, or one of our main highways, for a few days.

However, to take care of our own people, we have initiated a campaign of what we call, "Use Wyoming Products." We feel that if the coal mined in Wyoming is used by Wyoming people, if the oil and the gasoline produced and refined in Wyoming is used by Wyoming people, that we can combat very successfully any unemployment as it affects our state.

It will be possible during the coming spring and summer for our state to build some six hundred miles of highway, and it is the plan to use the Wyoming produced oil in oiling them. About six Federal buildings will be built in our state this coming year, and we are urging that Wyoming building material be used wherever possible.

In all of our twenty-three counties, the transient population which comes in asking for help is referred to our county commissioners, and in our county seat towns we are employing these transient men to haul gravel on to our various roads around over the county. This relieves them from charity and we are giving them temporary employment, which gives them





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a few dollars whereby they are enabled to go on their way.

As I say, we are here to learn, and are earnestly and sincerely desirous of cooperating in every way possible in this problem which confronts us at this time.

Thank you. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: We will now hear from Mr. James S. Zukie, Raton, New Mexico.

James S. Zukie, Chairman Unemployment Committee  
Raton Post Number 5  
Raton, New Mexico

General Foreman, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is a pretty hard proposition for a man in my line of work to come up here and try to follow all these lawyers (Laughter) and all these officials. I am just a poor wash-woman down in New Mexico.

I have heard a great deal of talk on this unemployment situation, but I have not heard any one try to analyze the cause for it. If you are driving along a highway in an automobile and you should break down, the first thing you are going to do is find out what happened, the next thing is why it happened. I am down in New Mexico, and New Mexico is a coal producing state. A gentleman from Oklahoma stated that they had some more food down there. We have not had for quite a while. Why? In 1921 to 1924 we employed in the coal fields there - Raton is a little place of sixty-one hundred population - thirty-five hundred men. Today we have 648.



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The Santa Fe railroad had 750 men in their shops. Today they have fifty.

Is it not true that we progress so fast that we have sacrificed labor for convenience, when we substitute the products of labor with other materials which do not require labor to produce?

Raton is on a highway and last week we fed 13,450 people, in a community of 6,100 people. I think a good many of you do not realize the condition which exists today. You do not have the least idea of how serious it is. I am connected with the Associated Charities in Raton and that is how I happen to know the exact figures as to how many were fed.

I took it upon myself a month ago to investigate our own community, and I found 135 unemployed single men, and 200 heads of families. That is in the town alone. Most of the other people there are making only a fair living and hardly doing that. In other words, the coal mines are carrying 648 men, when it is only necessary for them to carry a hundred, but they are able to work them one day a week and in that way keep that many employed.

There is much I would like to say if I could express it, but it would take me a long time, as I am not a speaker, as you notice.

I would like to see the Legion analyze the situa-



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tion: Will this relief work help next fall?

We adopted the Rochester plan down there and I have some of the cards I had printed. I am taking this upon myself.

A few days before I came here I was notified by wire, asking me if I would come. I wired back and told them I would. Cook, your national vice commander, was supposed to be here, but he was unable to come, and he asked me to come. So far as being in touch with any of the others in the state, I am not, but in my own locality I have taken it upon myself to put over this Rochester plan. I formed a committee of five men and assigned to them ten other men each, and they saw that the ten men worked throughout the city. We secured a complete check and the result was that in two days we created a hundred jobs. Many of these jobs were given by people who hardly know where their next meal is coming from.

We are confronted with this problem: We had people there who did not want their names among those on the charity list, but still were in very poor circumstances, and there are many more, I am sure, whom we know nothing about.

We have cooperated with the Associated Charities, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, and all the other clubs, and the papers have given us all the cooperation they were asked for.

I may close by saying that you may rest assured





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that the Department of New Mexico will do anything that is possible in its efforts to cooperate with the Legion program, and I have the assurance of the Chamber of Commerce, Associated Charities, and every other organization of that nature in Raton, that they will do the best they can. However, we have the problem of being in very hard circumstances ourselves.

I thank you. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: I now have the great privilege of presenting to you His Excellency, the Governor of Kansas, Governor Woodring, a brother Legionnaire.

Harry H. Woodring, Governor of Kansas  
Topeka, Kansas

Fellow Legionnaires: I am here in the capacity as a Past Commander of the Department of Kansas, and not as the Chief Executive of the State of Kansas. I am here as a fellow Legionnaire.

I have heard only the last two addresses before the conference, but it is my idea that the purpose of this conference, and the purpose of The American Legion as a national organization, is to meet the situation which is before us today. With a million members of The American Legion and some ten thousand posts in <sup>the nation</sup> ~~Kansas~~, I believe the purpose of this conference and the organization is to furnish the motive power behind the accomplishment, the motive power to cope with the situation as we now find it.

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I notice the gentleman from New Mexico says that we should go into the causes, and I might tell you confidentially, as a Democrat I would not be averse to going into the causes of all this trouble. (Laughter) Some of us might attribute it to the administration, others might object and say the trouble is with the miners or the coal situation in New Mexico, as the gentleman brought out, which is the same trouble we have in Kansas. Some might say it was the economic evolution from the use of coal to electricity or gas, and they might not be able to attribute it to the administration.

I hardly believe it is within the province of The American Legion to go into the causes of the present situation. Rather, as a non-partisan, non-political organization, I believe we should accept the proposition that we have unemployment and that we have an emergency and a crisis at the present time, and do as we have done in Kansas, follow the set-up, follow the recommendation of the President of the United States, in helping him and the administration cope with the present situation, and work in conjunction with the President.

In Kansas we have accepted this, and the set-up that it is the idea for each state and each community to look after their own situation. That is the set-up already inaugurated in the United States. In Kansas, following that plan of the President, we have a Governor's Unemployment Com-



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mission, of which Harry Derby, Junior, who was called upon a few moments ago, is the Chairman. It is our purpose in Kansas, and was before the inauguration of this program of The American Legion, to carry out in detail the program of the national administration in coping with the situation.

I believe the purpose of this conference, and the real purpose of it all, is that the Legion is to furnish the man-power and the motive-power behind the machine which is already set up by the Federal Government in all the states of the nation. The American Legion cannot get into the question as to what caused this situation. It is beyond the province of The American Legion at this time. If we did, a commission would have to be appointed; it would take study, and the problem might be solved before we found out what caused it.

I want to lend any influence I may have as a Past Department Commander, or as a Legionnaire working in the ranks of Kansas, and I want to speak for the Legionnaires of Kansas, in saying that we want to add our influence and we want to work in this conference only with the purpose of furnishing the man-power and the motive-power, if you please, behind the machinery of the Federal Government as now set up and initiated. I believe every Legionnaire is ready to go into the local community in which he is domiciled and do that very thing. I know of no organization which is better



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fitted and better equipped, or has a greater spirit of loyalty, to do that very thing than The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary in their ten thousand posts and units in all the states of the union.

I shall be glad to help in any way. You have heard, perhaps, the details of the plan. I shall be very happy to help in any way, and lend any assistance that I may, in furthering this splendid spirit and splendid movement, that is, the plan of the national organization of The American Legion to carry out this program and furnish the man-power and the motive-power for accomplishment of the Federal Government's plan to relieve unemployment and distress among the peoples of the nation. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: Is Judge Harry S. Truman of the Unemployment Commission, of Kansas City, in the room?

... Judge Truman was absent at this time ...

CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: Has Mr. Harry Darby, Chairman of Governor's Commission of Employment for Kansas, returned? (No response) A. W. O. L.

Gentlemen, we now will be glad to give the floor to any one who has any suggestion to make, or any message to give in helping along this conference. (No response)

We would like to hear from Mr. O. B. Flaten, Adjutant of the Department of Wyoming.

O. B. Flaten, Adjutant of Department of Wyoming  
Torrington, Wyoming



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General Foreman: The Commander of our Department has made his little talk, and I believe there is nothing I can add to it. We came down here with the idea and hope that we would be able to learn something about how to cope with this unemployment situation. I think I will go back to Wyoming and see if I can find a few unemployed fellows. I have not seen any lately.

I want to thank all of you for the suggestions and the things which we have learned. (Applause)

MR. PLUMMER: Out of the ten states in this area, eight states have delegations here, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

I have here a wire from the Department Commander of Oklahoma, saying this:

"Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 4, 1932

"National Employment Commission  
The American Legion  
Western Regional Section  
Kuehlsch Hotel  
Kansas City, Missouri

"Oklahoma vitally interested in unemployment relief program. Impossible to attend meeting today, but plan going ahead on a definite program for Oklahoma.

"Conference all service officers of state called for Sunday and Monday. Discussion unemployment relief principal topic of meetings. Several cities in state already organized and securing results. Re-



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gret inability to attend meeting  
today, but reassure you of Okla-  
homa's activity in this work.

Thomas P. Gilmer,  
Department Commander."

I have one more wire here which I would like

to read:

"Havre, Montana  
February 5, 1932

"National Employment Commission  
American Legion  
Ruehlebach Hotel  
Kansas City, Missouri

"Department finances do not permit  
officials to attend your meeting.  
Instead, we have called executive  
committee meeting for February  
fifteenth, at which time employ-  
ment program will be outlined for  
individual post action.

"Hope your meeting is successful.  
Department of Montana pledges ac-  
tive cooperation on employment  
program.

A. F. Loney,  
Department Commander."

I would like to make this further announcement  
at this time, that we have here a wire from the National  
Employment Commission of New York, following up this confer-  
ence, and showing its interest in the conference; showing to  
you the interest of the Commission in seeing that this work  
is carried out in this Region.

They have made the following appointments, as



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field men, to work under the National Commission in this Region, in furthering this program and seeing that action is taken on the part of every Department in the Region:

Mr. Floyd M. Flynn, of Topeka, Kansas, has been assigned as one of the field representatives, and will have contact with the following states: Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. I would like to have Mr. Flynn stand up in front here for a moment, so that you can all get a look at him. He will be in contact with all those states mentioned.

... Mr. Flynn came forward and was greeted with applause ...

MR. PLUMMER: Mr. J. C. Keene, of Denver has been appointed the other member of the Commission, covering the states of Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico. I would like to ask Mr. Keene to come forward.

... Mr. Keene then came forward and was greeted with applause ...

You have now seen them, and they will start out of here tonight on this work, one of them going to Oklahoma City, and the other to Nebraska, to carry on the work.

I would like to make this further announcement: This campaign is not for service men alone. The slogan is: "A job for every man out of work." It is an unselfish program on the part of the Legion.

I would like to say, furthermore, that I would



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like very much for the delegates from and commanders of those departments represented here today to get together for just a few moments following the adjournment of this meeting and each department organize if possible its set-up at this time, and make plans for carrying out the program.

CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: Gentlemen, has any one any suggestion to offer regarding this problem which we have been studying?

BRIAN O'BRIAN (Member of Unemployment Committee from Kansas, Buffalo, Kansas): Mr. Keene brought out in his talk the proposition of local, county, state, and government improvement work.

I believe that each state should call upon its highway departments at this time and ask them to use hand labor as far as possible in their proposed construction. I know that in Mr. Reynolds' state there is much gravel road to be built. In our state it is the same way. In Oklahoma they have the same problem. Replacing machines in the unloading of gravel with man-power will be a very quick panacea for this evil of unemployment.

Going further, to the national proposition of building projects, which Mr. Keene mentioned, I believe that this meeting should go on record to the National group as



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favoring a resolution to the various departments, Treasury Department, Department of Justice, War Department - for its airport hangers and so forth - urging that those departments, on future contracts to be let, shall follow the same plan which we are putting forth today. I believe, Mr. Keene, your idea was to have the Chair, perhaps, appoint a committee to frame such a resolution to the National group, urging them to see that public work, as far as the government is concerned, is under the five day week, six hour day, plan.

Perhaps some of you have heard of rumblings of rather ulterior motives by some of the contractors on these jobs; complaints as to the manner in which they are now handling their labor and buying their supplies.

So far as buying is concerned, that has been brought to a head by the bill submitted by Mr. Gross, of Connecticut, which carries the requirement that the contractors furnish, with their original bill, a list of their sub-contracts. That bill, of course, has not been passed, but I believe it will be a good thing for the Legion Committee to see that that bill is put through. That will clear up one of the situations which confronts us.

Then I think the Legion should go to the point of getting a five day week and a six hour day on government projects. May I suggest to the Chair that such a committee be appointed? I offer that as a motion.

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MR. FLUGGER: I might make this suggestion and give it as a point of information that the National Commander about two weeks ago visited Washington and requested that very thing of the President and of Congress and of these various departments - that every new contract made carry those provisions, and, furthermore, that all contracts possible be recalled and have that written into them. I think probably that would cover your resolution, Mr. O'Brian.

MR. O'BRIAN: Yes. The only question would be: Would such a resolution coming en masse bear more power behind it at this time?

MR. FLUGGER: I think not.

CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: Let me make a suggestion: That this meeting ratify the suggestion of the gentleman, and the action of the National Commander, and that the National Commander and Commission be notified that this conference ratifies, indorses, and approves that action, and urges it.

... The motion by Mr. O'Brian was seconded and carried ...

O. M. FLATEN (Adjutant of Department of Wyoming, Torrington, Wyoming): Mr. Chairman, I wish to offer that as a resolution that this Conference accept the National plan in general and that we set about the carrying out of it in this particular region.

... The motion by Mr. Flaten was seconded and



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carried ...

MR. PLUMMER: Every one of the 10,400 posts has just received this order from the National Commander:

"The first objective in the war against depression - Zero Hour - 8:00 A. M., February 15", and giving the plan of attack.

In addition to that, I have just received a sample of the service star, so-called, to be awarded by your local posts and your local committees, to the various industries which are cooperating and working with us in the carrying out of this plan. This star is to be awarded by your local Legion Committee to all employers who are doing their bit in the war against depression. This is a sample of it; it is a window sticker similar to the service star which was used during the war.

We have enlisted in the war against depression.

CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: I cannot too heartily congratulate this Conference upon the earnestness and vigor of the personnel in attacking this problem. I think it will be held as one of the most significant of the Conferences, and I have no doubt that when the reports come in, after the major offensive has been reached, they will know - what sometimes they do not know, "way down East" - that there is a western country and that it is populated by men who have the courage to meet great issues squarely.



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There seems to be no further business.

I thank you very much for the privilege of presiding here.

DR. FITZGERALD: Will it be possible to obtain a copy of the proceedings?

MR. PLUMMER: Yes. We will have copies made so that each delegation may have a copy. We will see that the Department Commander and the headquarters in each state has a copy.

I would like to say, Mr. Fred C. Condict, the National Publicity Director, is here, and you have seen him working around quietly and effectively. You will see the results carried over the wires of the country, particularly through this region. Mr. Condict and I will be here until tomorrow morning, and we hope you will feel free to call upon us for any assistance we may be able to give.

Thank you.

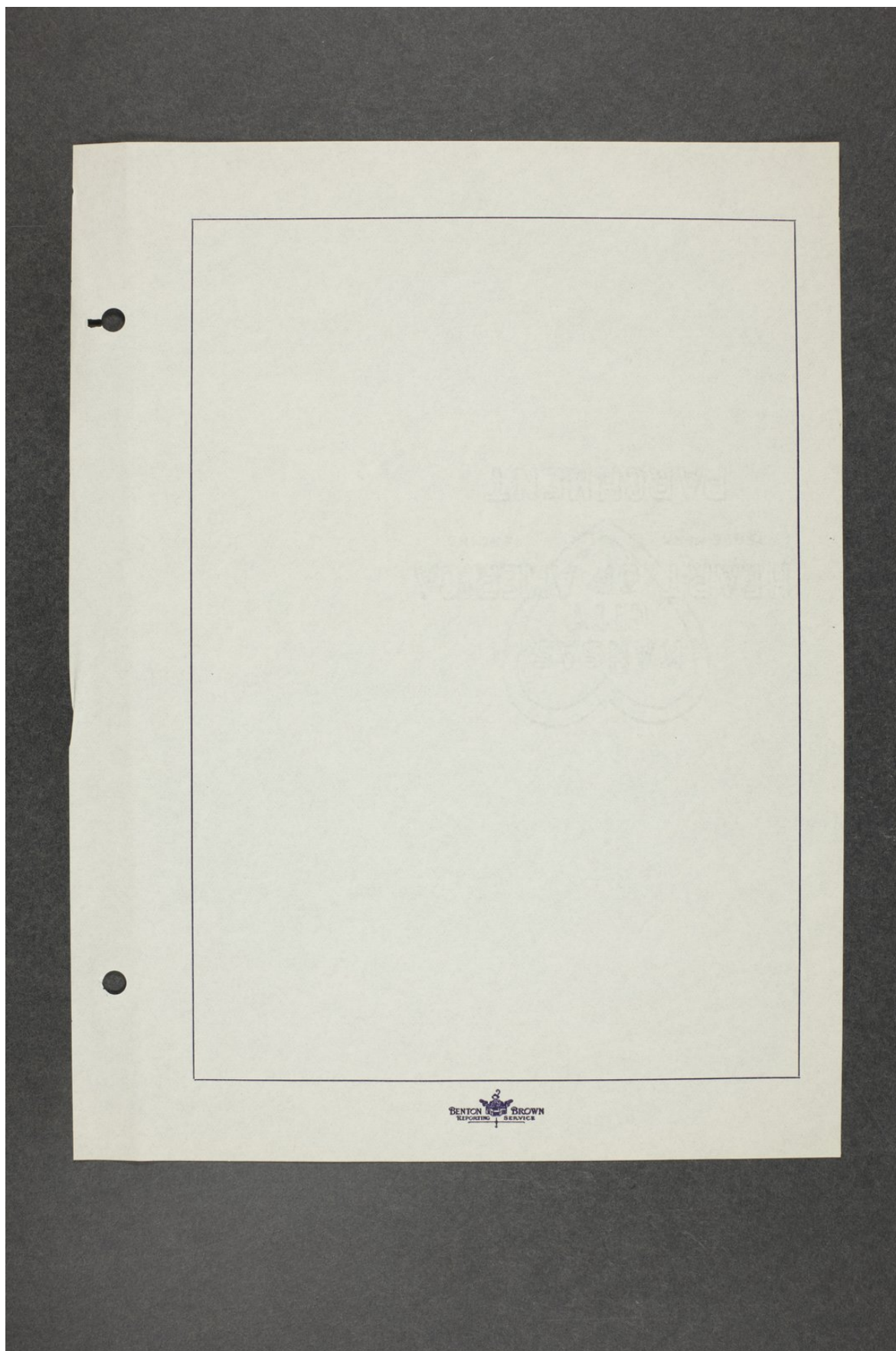
CHAIRMAN FOREMAN: If there is nothing further, Ladies and Gentlemen, the meeting will stand adjourned.

Thank you very much.

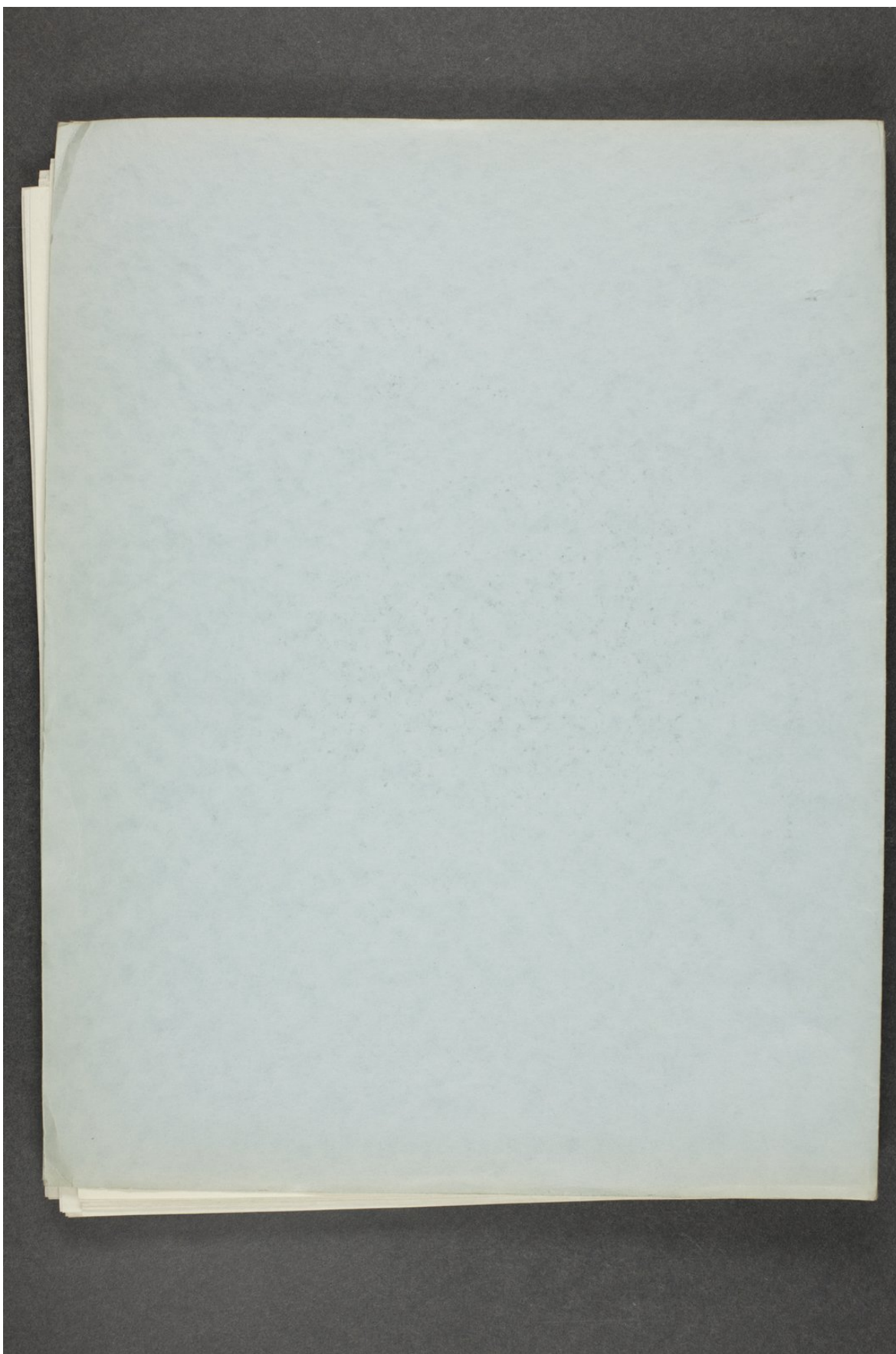
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TELEGRAM

Washington, D.C. 3-3-32

Hon. Harry H. Woodring, Governor  
Topeka, Kansas

Thanks for telegram shall appreciate receiving specific information as to how many in your state are unable to find employment of any kind.

Hiram Bingham

### MEMORANDUM TO THE GOVERNOR:

We have no correct check of all unemployed in Kansas, but averaging the state according to the check sent in by the several cities, it would indicate that there were at least 75,000 seeking employment in Kansas at the present time.

Many of these are receiving temporary aid from the cities and towns where there are emergency employment committees. Thousands of the others are receiving direct charity from the cities and counties.

Reports from emergency employment committees indicate that their funds either are or will be in the immediate future exhausted. Red Cross and other charitable organizations are making the same report.

The Tax Commission reports that the 1931 tax levy for county poor funds totaled \$1,776,489.54 for 101 of the counties. Several of the counties have reported their county poor fund in the red -- some as high as \$52,000.00. Fifty-three counties reported a deficit in their poor fund of \$186,000.00 for last year.

The situation in the mining field is getting critical and unless work is provided in the very near future, it will be absolutely necessary to make appropriations to feed the unemployed.

C. J. Beckman  
Commissioner of Labor

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March 4, 1932, Topeka, Kan.

HONORABLE HIRAM BINGHAM, U.S.S.  
SENATORIAL OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

I AM INFORMED BY THE STATE LABOR DEPARTMENT THERE  
ARE AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSANDS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT  
IN KANSAS AT THIS TIME MANY RECEIVING TEMPORARY AID  
FROM CITIES AND TOWNS WHERE THERE ARE EMERGENCY  
EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEES STOP THOUSANDS OF OTHERS  
RECEIVING DIRECT CHARITY FROM CITIES AND COUNTIES

HARRY H. WOODRING  
GOVERNOR

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STATE OF KANSAS

C. J. BECKMAN, COMMISSIONER OF LABOR  
FIFTH FLOOR, STATEHOUSE  
TOPEKA

March 3, 1932

### MEMORANDUM TO THE GOVERNOR:

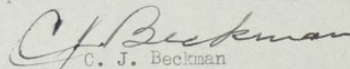
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THANKS FOR TELEGRAM SHALL APPRECIATE RECEIVING SPECIFIC  
INFORMATION AS TO HOW MANY IN YOUR STATE ARE UNABLE TO FIND  
EMPLOYMENT OF ANY KIND=

HIRAM BINGHAM,

*Handwritten:*  
All  
Mr. Bingham to  
give me information  
for ans  
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## Governor Harry H. Woodring, Correspondence Files, Box 25

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Topeka, Kansas  
March 8, 1932

To all Members of the GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE:

A meeting of the Governor's Committee for Employment has been called by the Chairman, Harry Darty, Jr., for April 1, 1932, at 10:00 a. m., Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas.

This will be one of the most important, if not the most important, meeting of the committee. The executive committee has many important matters to present.

The meeting will convene at 10:00 a. m. in Convention Hall rooms at the hotel, with a noon luncheon in the Florentine room at 12:15. At this time Governor Woodring and William Allen White, who is the President's employment representative in Kansas, will speak.

We hope every member of the committee will make arrangements to attend and bring mayors, members of local employment committees, or any others who are interested in the unemployment situation. We are making arrangements for one hundred in attendance.

I am enclosing a postcard which requires no postage. Please indicate on this card whether or not it will be possible for you to attend and if you anticipate bringing any guests, and if so how many.

Again urging you to be present, I am

Yours very truly

*C. J. Beckman*  
Secretary

Governor's Committee on Employment

Office of Federal Director  
U. S. Employment Service

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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

COPY

March 7, 1932

Mr. R. N. Collins  
411½ North Broadway  
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Mr. Collins:

Replying to your wire and letter of February 27 which would have been answered more promptly but for the fact that I was in communication by telephone with some of those who are interested in this matter, let me say that I favor this game and previously had tried to obtain the consent of University authorities that it be played. I feel that I went as far as I could go to convince them and failed. For various reasons, I do not care to urge the University authorities further.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Harry H. Woodring  
Governor





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BENJAMIN A. FULLER POST No. 64

R. M. Collins, Liaison Officer  
411 1-2 NORTH BROADWAY  
Box 310  
PITTSBURG, KANSAS

February 27, 1932

Honorable Harry Woodring,  
Governor  
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Harry:

Last night at the Legion club-rooms seventy loyal Legionnaires and a few selected men of the community met in connection with the present Unemployment Drive of the National American Legion Organization.

We perfected our plans, and it is expected that the drive will start on Tuesday, March 1, 1932.

This date we wired you in connection with the proposed basketball game between K.U. and our local College. We feel that any effort you expend towards securing this game for Pittsburg will be of material benefit to the unemployed of this community. A motion was made and passed that we wire you urging you to use your good office in this respect.

May I in closing express the sincere appreciation of our group for the splendid work that your Chairman, A. Messenger, is doing in this Community.

Very sincerely,

R. M. Collins, Member  
Publicity Committee

RMC:E

*Ans letter wire  
I favor the  
game but I  
do not care to  
sign the  
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