

## Pamphlet: The Communist Vol IX. No. 4: Unity in Struggle Against Unemployment

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THE GUARANTY SURVEY, organ of the Guaranty Trust Company, in its issue of February 25, 1929 in commenting on the vast amount of credit of being devoted by "others" to speculative purposes and the possible results of the prohibition of the diversion of credit for such speculation said, "Another (result of the prohibition of the lending of money on call by non-banking institutions) would be to produce an unduly rapid expansion of industrial equipment a condition that would probably bring about more unfortunate consequences than even the most pessimistic observers anticipate from the present situation." In other words, capitalism was then in a situation where any substantial increase in its productive activity through the utilization in the processes of capitalistic commodity production of the vast amounts of credit available, would tend to bring the whole "prosperity" on the rocks much sooner than otherwise. This parasitism was therefore not only a necessary consequence of our "prosperity" but was one means by which "prosperity" was maintained a while longer "Prosperity" contained within itself its own contradiction -- the limited market with the possibilities of greatly increasing production-- increased production would have hastened the development of this contradiction.

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