

509 West 122 N Y C

August 5, 1934.

Hon. Louis D. Brandeis
Dedham, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brandeis:

A few days ago I read a book dealing with your record and decisions and comments, and I judge Roosevelt is following your ideas, at least to a considerable extent.

According to the A. F. of L.'s latest report, there are 10,312,000 unemployed.

There are also uncounted millions on part time. In this city there are at least 15,000 printers getting a day or two or three a week. New inventions may increase that number most any time.

A letter I had from The National Committee on Mental Hygiene, 50 West 50th Street, NYC, says, in part:

“Estimates made by very prominent educators indicate that from five to ten million young people are unemployed, who, because of graduation or economic necessity, have left our grammar schools, high schools, business schools, normal schools, colleges and universities.

“These young people have never been employed and, consequently, from a technical standpoint, cannot be considered in federal unemployment statistics.

“We are adding to the number of unemployed youth at the rate of approximately 1,500,000 a year.”

The situation is VERY serious. Let us do all we can to settle all matters in a democratic way.

The information I get about Italy and Germany shows the attempts of Fascism to solve the unemployment problem have not succeeded.

Just what will develop in Russia no one can tell.

With best wishes,

Wm. R. Henry

The head over the Times AFL special from Washington read: “A. F. L. Says Nation May Run Industry.” As you know, the AFL heads have been very conservative.