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MISSION 5: "Up from the Dust"

"Hunger March to Salem"

This painting by Ronald Debs Ginter depicts a hunger march to Salem, state capital of Oregon, in January, 1933. Hunger marches were common protest events in which protesters demanded greater government aide to combat the unemployment, homelessness, and hunger caused by the Great Depression. In major cities throughout the United States, communist and other leftist organizations like the Unemployed Citizens' League and the United Front Unemployed organized hunger marches to publicize the plight of the unemployed and to promote their organizations' demands for government action.



Source: Ronald Debs Ginter, "Oregon State Hunger March to Salem," 1933. Washington State Historical Society. <http://digitum.washingtonhistory.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/art/id/82/rec/2>
