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insured but whose income has increased beyond the legal limit as long as their annual income does not exceed 16,000 pesos; and persons legally dependent on an insured person and residing with him.

Contributions.

The contribution is a percentage of wages, 6 per cent being payable for sickness, old-age, and invalidity insurance together. Of this sum 1 per cent is paid by the State, 2 per cent by the insured, and 3 per cent by the employer. Of the total of 6 per cent of wages paid for all insurance, 4 per cent has been provisionally allocated to sickness insurance.

Benefits.

An insured person with a family receives his full wage during the first week of sickness, 50 per cent during the second week, and 25 per cent as from the third week. Single persons receive one-half of the above benefit. Persons employed in the public services who receive their salaries during illness are only entitled to a benefit of 25 per cent of salary from the date on which the salary is suspended. Benefit is granted for the entire period of incapacity. The invalidity pension ranges from 50 to 100 per cent of salary according to length of time the insured has belonged to the fund.

Conditions of Benefit.

Insured persons are entitled to sickness benefit after a qualifying period of seven months from the first payment, and to a disablement pension after a qualifying period of two years. Sickness benefit is payable from the fifth day of the sickness, but if the sickness lasts for more than a week benefit may be claimed from the first day of incapacity to work.

Czecho-Slovakia.

Introduction.

An Act of 1919 established a system of compulsory sickness insurance. The Act which is at present in force, however, was passed in 1924 and amended in 1928.

Persons Insured.

Insurance is compulsory for every person who works under an agreement of service or apprenticeship and not by way of subsidiary or occasional employment. Workers engaged in marine or inland navigation, homeworkers and miners are also included. Persons insured compulsorily for at least three months and who leave insurable employment may continue to insure voluntarily. Other persons outside the scope of compulsory insurance may take out voluntary insurance on certain conditions.

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