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UNSKILLED LABOR CONTROLLED BY GOVERNMENT

Necessities of War Work Demand Stopping of Practices of Stealing Help and Constant Change —All States Affected.

On August 1, the supplying of war industries with common labor was centralized in the U. S. Employment Service in the Department of Labor, and all independent recruiting of common labor by manufacturers having a payroll of more than 100 men will be diverted to the U. S. Employment Service. This is in accordance with the decision of the War Labor Policies Board and approved by the President on June 17. (The War Labor Policies Board is composed of representatives of the War, Navy, and Agricultural Departments, the Shipping Board and the War Industries Board, and the Food, Fuel, and Railroad Administrations. Its chairman is Felix Frankfurter, assistant to the Secretary of Labor.)

The above action was found necessary to overcome a perilous shortage of unskilled labor in war industries. This shortage was aggravated by an almost universal practice of stealing and poaching.

While the restrictions against the private employment of labor apply only to common labor at the present time, these restrictions will, as soon as possible, be extended to include skilled labor. In the meantime, recruiting of skilled labor for war production will be subject to federal regulations now being prepared.

This drastic change in the Nation's labor program has been found necessary in order to protect the employer and the employed, to conserve the labor supply of the communities and to cut down unnecessary and expensive labor turn-over (which in some cases, is as high as 100 per cent a week), and to increase the production of essentials.

While non-essential industries will be drawn upon to supply the necessary labor for war work, the withdrawal will be conducted on an equitable basis in order to protect the individual employer as much as possible.

Under the operating methods adopted, the country has been divided into thirteen federal districts, each district in charge of a superintendent of the U. S. Employment Service. The States within each district are in turn in charge of a State Director, who has full control of the service within his state.

In each community there is being formed a local community labor board, consisting of a representative of employers and a representative of the employed. This board will have jurisdiction over recruiting and distributing labor in its locality.

A survey of the labor requirements is being made, and in order that each community may be fully protected, rulings have been issued that no labor shall be transported out of any community by the U. S. Employment Service without the approval of the State Director; nor shall any labor be removed by the Service from one state to another without the approval of the U. S. Employment Service at Washington. Every effort will be made to discourage any movement from community to community or state by any other service.

This labor program has the approval of all producing Departments of the Government, through the War Labor Policies Board.

It is understood that farm labor will be protected, for the industrial program distinctly includes special efforts to keep the farmer supplied with labor.

The requirement that unskilled labor must be recruited through the sole agency of the U. S. Employment Service does not at present apply in the following five cases:

1. Labor which is not directly or indirectly solicited.
2. Labor for the railroads.
3. Farm labor—to be recruited in accordance with existing arrangements with the Department of Agriculture.
4. Labor for non-war work.
5. Labor for establishments whose maximum force does not exceed one hundred.

When the survey of labor requirements has been made and the aggregate demand for unskilled labor in war work is found, each state will be assigned a quota, representing the common labor to be drawn from among men engaged in non-essential industries in that state.

These State quotas will in turn be distributed among localities within each locality, employers in non war work, will be asked to distribute the local quotas from time to time among themselves. Quotas by localities and individuals are to be accepted as readily as they are for

Liberty Loan and Red Cross campaigns. This plan of labor quotas is a protection for all communities.

The object is to keep any community from being drained of labor, and to use local supply, as far as possible, for local demand. The situation, however, is such that in certain cases some men may have to be transported over long distances.

You will note from the above outline that this is probably the most drastic action that the Government has taken since putting the National Army draft into effect. The absolute necessity for this program can be seen when it is realized that in Pittsburgh, for instance, there are advertisements calling for men to go to Detroit; while in Detroit street cars there are posters calling for men to go to Pittsburgh. This same condition is apparent all over the United States and in consequent shifting of labor a great part of our war effort is dissipated.

Because it is only through the press of the Nation that this matter can be fully presented to the people, we are asking that you lay this matter fully and frankly before your readers—showing them that this action is taken as a war measure in order to protect not only employers and the employed, but communities as well.

Yours respectfully,
J. B. Densmore,
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