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The President of the Gau Labor Office
and
Reich Labor Trustee

Essen, 10 September
1943.

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First General Directive.

Subject: Measures against notorious idlers.

Total war urgently calls for the total commitment of all manpower available. It cannot be tolerated under any circumstances that subversive elements shirk this call by arbitrary absenteeism. Those decent employees who are inspired by a sense of duty must be protected from those who sabotage our war effort. It is, therefore, my intention to intensify the existing measures as soon as possible. In order to make this possible, I hereby issue the following directive, based on art.1 of the ordinance concerning wages policy dated 25 June 1938 (RGBL. L p.691):

1) Immediately (not later than 14 days after receipt of this directive) the plant leader (Betriebsfuehrer) and the shop steward (Betriebsobmann) will prepare a list of the notorious idlers in the plant and submit it to the President of the Gau Labor Office and Reich Labor Trustee.

2) The list will include the following data:

Name, date of birth, residence, date of entry, type of job, previous offenses, previous measures taken either within the plant or through outside agencies.

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The list will be signed by the Betriebsfuehrer and the Betriebsobmann.

- 3) It is the responsibility of both the Betriebsfuehrer and the Betriebsobmann that this list is complete and that the statements contained therein are true.

If the report is not submitted, or not conform with the above regulations, I reserve the right not only to investigate whether the manpower available in the plant is utilized properly, but also to start penal proceedings according to art.1 KLDB dated 2 December 1939 (RGBl.I p.2370).

- 4) This directive will be effective upon receipt by the Betriebsfuehrer.

signed: Ruehl

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Gau Chamber of Economy Essen

Department Industry

Bismarckstrasse 5

Essen, 20 September 1943.

To: The Leaders of Industrial Firms.

Subject: Measures against notorious idlers.

We enclose the First General Directive of the President of the Gau Labor Office and Reich Labor Trustee, Essen, dated 10th inst. and we request you to submit the report prescribed in the directive to the President of the Gau Labor Office and Reich Labor Trustee within the time limit. The directive has been issued after consultation with the Gau-Obmann of the DAF (German Labor Front).

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Please see to it that all plants in the Essen district belonging to your combine, if any, are covered by the report, or that those plants are directed to submit reports on their own.

Please inform us on your own experience in this matter, whenever special incidents of interest occur.

Gau Chamber of Economy Essen
Department Industrie
signed Dr. Kuester

Gau Chamber of Economy Essen
Department Industry

Essen, 4 October 1943.

To: The Leaders of Industrial Firms

Subject: Action against idlers - Questions of procedure.

Enclosed please find copy of a circular of the President of the Gau Labor Office and Reich Labor Trustee, Essen, dated 22 September 1943. (II - 36).

Please take note of the contents and act accordingly.

Gau Chamber of Economy Essen
Department Industry
signed: Dr. Kuester.