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of Military Economy Leaders")

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Economy Leaders").

The Regulation comes into force immediately.

It is noted regarding paragraph 1, that the  
"Auxiliary Civil Servants Act" has not appeared  
as yet. In the draft of this law the regulations  
of collection have been taken into account.

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P A R T I

THE CORPS OF MILITARY ECONOMY LEADERS

1. PROVISIONS OF A GENERAL NATURE

The Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer are the responsible collaborators of the Wehrmacht in preparing and carrying out the mobilization of the armament industry, and its management during war-time.

They correspond roughly to the officers of the reserve army in their importance and in their tasks and duties in the armament industry.

The basis for the Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer - Korps is the "Auxiliary Civil Servants Act".

2. PURPOSE OF THE "WEHRWIRTSCHAFTSFUEHRER - KORPS" is

- A. to guarantee the responsible collaboration of the leading personalities of the armament industry in war and peace on the basis of the "Auxiliary Civil Servants Act" in accordance with the interests of home defense;
- B. to guarantee that every armament factory is managed by the leaders, engineers and outstanding employees who are indispensable and have had long experience in the factory in peacetime, regardless of whether they may already be obligated by entries in their work book;
- C. to designate military responsible collaborators in the Factory Work Schedule;
- D. to make more widely known technical and organizational details of blue-prints and processes of the armament industry, in the event of a mobilization, in order to especially accelerate the conversion of those factories to armament manufacture which are not already so engaged during peacetime;
- E. in the event of mobilization to minimize difficulties expected to arise through unfair competition and price-fixations, and instead of this to see to it that the community spirit is cultivated in a nation united in the defense of its country;
- F. to have ready the necessary experts who can strengthen the war economic offices and also become members of new staffs, and to train these experts for their mobilization tasks.

3. TASKS AND DUTIES OF THE "WEHRWIRTSCHAFTSFUEHRER"

A. In Peace-time:

1. to adjust, to the greatest possible extent, the armaments factories to eventual mobilization needs, especially to give assistance in the preparations to meet their Work Schedule.

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2. to do the compulsory drill which would train and give them experience in the duties provided for them when mobilization takes place;
3. to train skilled workers;
4. to prepare regulations for safeguarding the factory and to see that these regulations are carried out;
5. to prepare for, and carry out, the necessary measures to protect the factory during an air-raid and to train employees in their tasks during an air-raid;
6. to prepare, and administer security measures within the factory.

(Tasks 4 - 6 according to the directives of the competent offices outside the War Economy organization).

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B. In wartime:

1. to convert existing armament factories, and to organize new armament factories for wartime manufacture, in accordance with the mobilization schedule of the factory;
2. to manage the factory so as to safeguard the interests of Home Defense;
3. to strengthen the War Economic offices and the staffs of the Wehrmacht.

5. FORMATION OF THE "WEHRWIRTSCHAFTS-FÜHRERKORPS"

A. Selection and proposal:

Professional position and experience are just as important in the selection of Wehrwirtschaftsführer as suitability of character. As far as possible, such persons should be elected as leaders who are already officers, or candidates, for the reserve army.

Other persons who are important in economic life and leaders in their branch of industry may be nominated and appointed even if they are not officers of the reserve army. The prerequisite is that their character and personality, their attitude and their way of life guarantee that they will perform their tasks properly.

As for Jews and Jewish people of mixed parentage, article 15 of the Army Act, as amended on June 26, 1936 (R.G.Bl. I page 518) applies. Since the personnel employed in armament works are considered a part of the Wehrmacht, the above-named persons do not even come up for consideration for the position of "Wehrwirtschaftsführer".

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In particular, without determining an age limit, the following individuals are eligible:

1) for armament plants

- a) the entrepreneurs (owners of plants), as far as they are plant leaders in the sense of the "Law for the Organization of National Work";
- b) in the case of juridical persons and collections of persons, the representatives under the law or persons who are plant leaders according to the "Law for the Organization of National Work";
- c) Managing employees or other economically important or necessary persons who belong to the employees of an armament plant, at the suggestion of the plant leader;
- d) economically important or other persons who are at this time not plant leaders or employees of an armament plant, but who are necessary in case of mobilization as military economy leaders for armament plants. (Compare also par.10, section 2).

2. For agencies and staffs of the Armed Forces:

Those persons required as military economy leaders by the head of the agency.

The procedure for selection and proposal as "Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer" will be seen from the "Instruction concerning selection, proposal and nomination of Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer" (Appendix 3).

B. CLASSIFICATION AS INDISPENSABLE AND SAFE:

This has to be arranged before nomination of the persons proposed as "Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer".

Placing in the "indispensable classification" must take place for men of service age at the recruiting office concerned. In the application form classification as indispensable it must be stated and confirmed by signature of the W-In whether the Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer is "permanently indispensable" or "temporarily indispensable".

The decision of the W-In is binding for the W agency regardless whether men are concerned who have not yet served in the Armed Forces, <sup>or</sup> those who have served or officers of reserves.

If a W agency cannot comply with the request made by W-In, then the Corps Command, resp. the Naval Station Command, resp. the District Command of the Air Force will decide. In extreme cases the W-In may obtain a decision of the R.K.M. (War Ministry) against them.

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After classification as "Indispensable" the classification as "Safe" by the office of Labor Ministry concerned is to be obtained.

The process for classification as "Indispensable" and "Safe" will be seen from "Instructions concerning selection, proposal and nomination of the "Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer" ( Appendix 3 ).

C. NOMINATION TO THE POSITION OF WEHRWIRTSCHAFTSFUEHRER

The process for the nomination and oath of office is to be seen from "Instructions concerning selection, proposal and nomination of the "Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer" (Appendix 3 ).

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( Further points relative to paragraph 5 have been omitted ).

7. TRAINING OF THE "WEHRWIRTSCHAFTSFUEHRER"

The "Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer" will receive a special training of an organizational and technical character aimed at preparing them for the work that awaits them in the event of a mobilization.

The training will be based on the "Directives for the Training at the "Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrerkorps" (Appendix 4 - to follow later).

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Appendix 3  
Ad S.H. III Part I Paragraph 5

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INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING SELECTION, PROPOSAL AND  
NOMINATION FOR WEHRWIRTSCHAFTSFUEHRER

- A. Selection of W Wi Fue (Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer) has to take place through requiring agency.
1. For Armament Plants by the controlling service of the armed forces (WOW) in concert with W-In, resp. WWist (Military Economic Staffs); for plants not subject to any service by the W-In resp. WWist,
  2. For agencies operating under Economic Staffs by the W-In resp. WWist (Military-Economic Staffs) in their sphere.
  3. For other military agencies or Staffs through their director.

Persons selected as W Wi Fue (Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer) must be registered with the W-In concerned through Form (as Appendix 3a).

Appendix 3 a

- B. DETERMINATION OF THE SUITABILITY FOR W Wi Fue (Wehrwirtschaftsfuehrer):

A qualification in War Economics in the primary condition for said applications for appointment of W Wi Fue. It is determined by the professional knowledge and by the position which the suggested person holds in the industry or in the Armament firm, for which he is to be appointed W Wi Fue. It overlaps with

the personal aptitude of the applicant which also has to be established. For this purpose the firm concerned has to request, and present to the W-In:

1. information from the competent State Police Office as to whether any political charges or charges in connection with espionage were on record against the applicant.

For this purpose a printed form as specified in the decree of the "Reich Minister of War and Supreme Commander No. 3001. 11.35 Defense III a.g., dated 1/11/1935" made out in triplicate has to be sent to the Office of the State Police, who will make investigations and will forward the result directly to the inquiring office, if there were no charges against the person in question. In all cases, in which the State Police office ascertained incriminating incidents, information is not to be sent to the inquiring office, but is to be passed on to the counter-intelligence department of Corps Headquarters respectively to the Command of the Naval Station. The Counter Intelligence Office reports the incident to the inquiring office

together with a statement of their point of view, briefly citing the charges.

The final conclusion has to read:

- a) No objections or
- b) Objections or
- c) Employment (appointment of WWi Fuo) entirely out of the question.

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In principle are to be excluded the following:

- a) Foreigners.
- b) Former functionaries of the SPD and the KPD, as well as persons who have been special active followers of Marx.
- c) From Russia returned emigrants, if they have returned to Germany only recently.
- d) Persons with a record of serious and repeated previous convictions.

This information forms the basis for the decision of W-In. It must be added to the personal files of the WWi Fuo proposed.

2. an extract from the penal register of the competent counter intelligence office of the Corps Headquarters of the Command of the Naval Station. For this document Form "F", as appendix 3 c shows, must be sent completed to the counter intelligence section without signature. Otherwise the form will be returned to the interested agency directly from the criminal registry. Queries regarding convictions must always be sent to the counter intelligence section.

The result of inquiries 1 and 2 must be available before the proposal for entry into the WWi-Fuo Corps can be made.

All inquiries and replies are passed in the open mail under "Confidential". If serious material or convictions have to be reported, the correspondence becomes "Secret". Information is suitably rubber-stamped in red and must under no circumstances become known to the person concerned.

3. a questionnaire, as shown in Appendix 3 d, filled out by the person, proposed for appointment as WWi Fuo.

To the questionnaire must be added:

- a) a curriculum vitae, in the applicant's own handwriting
- b) 2 photos
- c) 3 file cards in red, blue and green, as shown in Appendix 3 c.
- d) A certificate of good conduct, issued by the police
- e) a statement with regard to possible former membership in a masonic lodge, as per attached form 3 f.
- f) a statement concerning a clear record of the applicant's past per attached form 3 g  
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- g) a statement concerning applicant's support, without reserve, of the National Socialist State per attached form 3h
- h) The plant leader's consent to the appointment (where applicant himself is not plant leader).
- i) proof of the right to use academic degrees.
- k) certified copies of the recommendations given by plant leaders by whom applicant was employed in the past.
- l) record of the military career. In case that records of military service are not available, application must be made for the issuance of a certificate of military service according to "Allg. Heeresmitt. of 11-15-1935, Blatt 27, No. 544.

When the persons suggested for appointment of WWI Fue are reserve officers commissioned for the duration, who have already received or submitted the proofs and statements mentioned above, they need not submit them again. Likewise, those who are generally considered important and leading personalities, need not produce the evidence to a), d), f), i) and k). The party wishing to make the appointment must give the competent recruiting district headquarters access to the personal record, for the purposes of review and excoriation.

In cases of doubt the naming of three honorable citizens as guarantors, as requested in form 3 d, may be waived.

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G. Induction and Swearing in of the WWI Fue and presentation of badge:

The appointed WWI Fue must be thoroughly instructed by the W-Jn (WWI St) regarding their duties and tasks in time of peace and war, regarding the order of command and authority (compare S.H.III, part I No. 1, 2, 3 and 6) regarding espionage, counter intelligence, treason, regarding

their obligation to guard official secrets and the supervision of defense, and in case all this has not already been done elsewhere, to bind them by handshake to fulfill their obligations faithfully and conscientiously.

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Following this the oath of allegiance to the Fuehrer of the German Reich and people is to be administered. A written statement must be made of the induction and administration as per attached form 3L and is to be signed by the W-In resp. WWi St and the WWi Fue. This statement is to be added to the personal record.

Finally the appointed WWi Fue must be given a document of office, as shown in Appendix 3 n, and to issue the badge to be worn on the left side of the chest.

The metal badges as shown in Appendix 3 n must be obtained from the firm ..... at the price of.....and at the expense of the W-In. Every WWi Fue is to be given only one badge. Further badges can be obtained by the WWi Fue at his own expense. Regarding the right to wear the badge, the pass, as shown in Appendix 3 o, will be issued complete with photograph.

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Appendix 3 f

Ad S.H.III Part I Paragrap. 5 (App. 3)  
(obtainable from: Registratur WStb.)

AFFIDAVIT

I hereby affirm in lieu of oath, that I\*)

- a) have never belonged to a Masonic Lodge, an organization resembling or substituting for one,
- b) have belonged to a Masonic Lodge, an organization resembling or substituting for one, but that I have resigned

on. . . . .from the. . . . .

. . . . .Lodge by. . . . .  
(exact manner of leaving)

- c). a member of one of the above organizations I have had the . . . . .  
degree\*\*)

Name:. . . . .

Profession:. . . . .

Address:. . . . .

\*) Strike out points not applying,

\*\*)State also offices, resp. honorary offices held.

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Appendix

Ad S.H.III Part I Paragraph 5 (App. 3)  
(obtainable from: Registratur WStb.).

DECLARATION REGARDING POLITICAL ATTITUDE

I heroby declare, that I subscribe to  
Nationalsocialism without reserve and that I have  
not been active in a manner inimical to our people.

I am aware of the fact, that the correctness of  
my declaration will be checked and that any untrue  
statement will be followed by my dismissal as Wfi Fuc  
(Leader of Military Economy).

I am aware, that I must count in future apart  
from legal proceedings, on losing my position as  
Wfi Fuc as a result of utterances and actions which  
show an offense against the nationalsocialist  
concept of the state.

.....Date.....19....

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION

I, C. M. Cosman, heroby certify that I am  
thoroughly conversant with the English and German  
languages and that the above is a true and correct  
translation of the Excerpts from Document No. NI 5479.

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