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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Washington

July 28, 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

Subject: Pay Roll Allotments for War Bonds.

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This is a follow-up to the memorandum which Mr. Rowalt sent to all staff members of the Authority last January. Since that time we made some progress in raising our over-all average of pay roll allotment participation from 63.1 % in January to 74.5 % in May, although we backslid to 73.6 % in the month of June.

Recently the Director received a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury indicating that our percentage record does not compare favorably with that of the rest of the government, and calling on us along with all others to support the pay roll allotment plan to the limit of our ability. I know that once we understand the importance of regular pay roll pledges our staff will respond.

Admittedly there are some inconveniences in purchasing bonds through the pay roll allotment. For this reason I ask all employees who are doing accounting or purchasing or delivery work in connection with bond allotments, to do all in their power to speed up their operations and insure prompt delivery of the bonds. Furthermore, I should like to remind employees that the new withholding tax represents no greater financial drain than the victory tax plus the old income tax payments, but on the contrary makes pay roll allotments easier because it provides consistent and regularly budgeted tax payments.

I suggest that we respond to the President's appeal not only by hitting our original goal of 90 % participating and 10 % of the pay roll pledged, but that we raise our sights and try for 15 % of the pay roll pledged. This is all the more reasonable in view of the overtime payments which all of our staff are now receiving.

I am attaching copies of the letters from Secretary Morgenthau and the President as well as a table showing the percentage of participation of the various units of the War Relocation Authority during the month of June.

Heland Barron
Acting Director

Attachments

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Washington

June 29, 1943

My dear Mr. Myer:

I call your attention to the fact that the War Relocation Authority is not supporting as we think it should the Government's Pay-roll Savings Plan for the purchase of War Savings Bonds. The latest available figures indicate that only 74.5% of the employees of your office are participating, and that their bond allotments amount to 7.8% of the gross pay roll.

Last February, the President wrote that "the employees of the Federal Government should lead the way in the development of a systematic method of sustained savings through the pay-roll allotment plan." Only last week, in a letter addressed to me, the President expressed the opinion that additional people should be convinced of the necessity of participating, and everyone now on the pay-roll savings plan should materially increase the amount of bonds he is buying. A copy of the President's letter is enclosed.

In line with the President's statements, I would appreciate it if you would discuss the matter with Mr. Bartelt, Acting Chairman of the Interdepartmental War Savings Bond Committee.

I firmly believe that practically all Government officers and employees should be able to participate to some extent in the pay-roll savings plan. I also believe that if the needs of the Government are properly explained to the employees, and if the heads of all departments, establishments, bureaus, divisions, and sections should set an example by their own enrollment in the plan, it would be possible to increase the allotments to at least 15% of gross pay.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ H. Morgenthau, Jr.

Secretary of the Treasury

Honorable Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Washington

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

June 24, 1943.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Through you, as Secretary of the Treasury, I want to congratulate the American people on the way in which they have supported the voluntary payroll savings plan.

I am proud of the fact that 27,000,000 patriotic Americans are regularly investing more than \$420,000,000 a month to help pay the cost of the war. And since all of this money comes from wages and salaries -- nearly 90 percent from people earning less than \$5,000, and the bulk of it from those working in war plants -- I do not hesitate to say that the payroll savings plan is the greatest single factor we now have in protecting ourselves against inflationary spending.

This is a great record, both from the standpoint of curbing inflation and from the standpoint of financing the war. However, I heartily endorse your present drive to improve that record, and I agree it must be improved if we are to keep pace with the increasing demands of the war.

I therefore join you in calling upon the American people -- and upon labor and management particularly -- to do still more. Additional people should be convinced of the necessity of participating. Everyone now on the payroll savings plan should materially increase the amount of bonds he is buying. We originally asked for 10 percent, but now we need considerably more.

I hope every American on a payroll will figure out for himself the extent to which he can curtail his spending, and will put every dollar of additional saving thus made into the payroll savings plan.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WAR BOND PARTICIPATION, JUNE 1943

	<u>No. Employees</u>	<u>No. Part.</u>	<u>Percent Part.</u>
<u>WASHINGTON OFFICE</u>	231	208	90%
Office Services	20	20	100%
Eighth Floor	38	37	98%
Administrative Management	50	48	96%
Employment	54	49	91%
Solicitor	17	15	88%
Community Management	38	28	79%
Reports	14	11	79%

<u>FIELD</u>			
Gila River	169	26	15%
Manzanar	179	115	64%
Tule Lake (May)	210	103	48%
Minidoka	136	122	89%
Central Utah	136	110	81%
Heart Mountain	183	156	85%
Granada	164	145	88%
Arkansas (Field Assistant Director, Rohwer and Jerome)	302	282	93%
Denver (Field Assistant Director and Reports)	15	15	100%
San Francisco (Field Asst. Director, Solicitor and Relocation Assistance Div.)	95	36	38%
Relocation Offices:			
Salt Lake City	27	12	44%
Denver	26	17	66%