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Subject: Foreign Workers in Germany (Food Rations)

The following excerpt from News Digest of 30 November, 1944, on an item appearing in Reichsarbeitsblatt (Labour Dept. Gazette) of 11 October, 1944, may be of interest to you.

Withdrawal of Extra Rations for Loafing.

The Reich Minister of Labour's decree of October 19th addressed to the Trade Supervisory Offices and their superior authorities with regard to the withdrawal of additional food rations for neglect of work says: 85% of normal output has often been considered the minimum for granting additional rations to heavy and very heavy workers. One Trade Supervisory Office has established the following rules for foreign civilian workers, eastern workers and prisoners of war: They are still recognized as heavy workers if their output amounts to at least 80% of that of a German worker, but in order to obtain an improvement, applications for foreigners who reach only 80% or 85% are only granted for a limited time, for instance, two rationing periods, and are then refused unless their output has increased. Additional food rations for very heavy workers are not granted unless the foreigner's output equals that of a German, because such rations are for about the average. This procedure has considerably increased the output of foreign workers.

In enterprises which recognise a 60 hour week workers doing long hours, heavy and very heavy workers who only worked 55 or 48 hours must not be given additional ration cards.

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With regard to absenteeism the following rules often have good results: In the case of absenteeism for up to one day the additional cards for the coming week are withdrawn, up to two or more days - two or more weeks.

The following method has produced good results, particularly with regard to foreigners: For camp inmates who are entitled to additional food the enterprise issues special zusatzkontrollkarten containing daily control coupons, and only workers whose coupons are stamped by the foreman that day receive any additional food. The proposal to reduce normal camp food for German workers guilty of loafing or low output has not been applied so far, but according to the DAF plan the measure will be applied to this category of Eastern workers and the food thus saved given to others as a premium for diligence.

The decree finally draws attention to the decree of September 23rd, which provides for the exclusion of loafers, etc. from extra works rations of tobacco and spirits and says that the measure is also applicable to workers who do not receive additional cards."

cc- Mr. Weisl

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