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LABOR DIGEST

Occupational shortages, especially in professional and skilled fields essential to advancement of the defense program, are now more widespread and troublesome than at any time since Korea, the Bureau of Employment Security reported today.

Robert C. Goodwin, executive director of the Defense Manpower Administration, said that, as of June 13, the local offices of the State employment services had reported 64,155 job openings which could not be filled in the community where they originated.

All these openings, Goodwin said, have been placed in clearance and are being sought through out-of-area or interstate recruitment.

Biggest unfilled demand for workers is for mechanical and electrical engineers and draftsmen, machinists, tool and die makers, machine tool operators, skilled aircraft assembly workers and aircraft, auto, railroad and other types of mechanics and repairmen. By occupational fields, job openings placed in clearance included 22,555 skilled, 13,797 semiskilled, 11,582 professional and management, 9,397 clerical and sales, 4,224 unskilled and 2,420 service. (Labor Dept.)

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin announced today that he has added two more occupations to the Labor Department's List of Critical Occupations.

The occupations are those of power cable splicer and power lineman. He also announced that the definitions of two other occupations have been expanded.

The addition of the two occupations brings the total of job titles now covered by the Revised List of Critical Occupations to 60. (Labor Dept.)

The Department of Labor is establishing regional labor-management committees throughout the country as part of a broad program for obtaining the advice, co-operation and leadership of labor and management in the solution of manpower problems. The program calls for committees to be established in 13 regions and in labor market areas which have, or anticipate serious manpower problems, Secretary Tobin said.

The area committees will advise the State employment security administrators on manpower problems in their communities.

In addition to assisting regional directors in developing and coordinating manpower programs for the region in which they are located, each committee will take steps to identify unused plant capacity and pools of surplus labor and call these to the attention of appropriate procurement agencies or prime contractors. (Dept. of Labor.)

Layoffs in manufacturing rose in May for the second straight month, due largely to cutbacks in automobile production and reduced activity in other consumer goods manufacturing industries.

The factory layoff rate per 1,000 employees rose to 13 in May from 10 in April and 8 in March. The May rate, however, was still about the same as in the earlier postwar years of high employment in 1947 and 1948.

Despite the rise in layoffs, factory workers continued to be hired in May at about the same rate as in the three preceding months, 45 per 1,000.

The hiring rate has continued relatively high in a number of industries closely allied to defense activity, including ordnance, primary metals, machinery and instruments. (Dept. of Labor.)

The civilian labor force rose by almost a million between May and June, somewhat less than the expected seasonal increase.

Agricultural employment increased by about 600,000 as farm work picked up, but still was a million below the level of a year ago.

Non-agricultural employment showed no change. Unemployment, after reaching a postwar low in May, rose by almost 375,000 to 1,980,000, or 3.1 per cent of the civilian labor force. (Dept. of Labor.)

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY NEWS

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tor, is now located at 101-105 South Fifth Street, Richmond. Twelve additional professional and clerical employees have taken up their duties in the new location, some of them still living in and around Washington. Mr. Foy's residence is at Chevy Chase, Md.

The move is a part of the general plan of decentralization by moving from Washington many of the governmental units which now help congest the National Capital.

Director Foy was named to this position in 1946, after serving for several months in his former post as regional chief of placement, USES. He was in the Navy in World Wars I and II, and as commander in World War II. He had joined the National Reemployment Service early in 1934 and held various positions with USES.

Mr. Foy, Commissioner Tobin reports, has been appointed chairman for Region IV of the Regional Labor-Management Committee, with headquarters in Richmond. Of the 14 members, two are from North Carolina, John C. Whitaker, president of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, and J. A. Scoggins, AFL, Charlotte. Mr. Scoggins is a member of the ESC Advisory Council.

Keller N. C. Employment Officer

Beach Keller, VER in the Asheville office, has been appointed by the Executive Board of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. as state-wide employment officer for the organization's Department of North Carolina. The VFW has inaugurated a program of full employment for all N. C. veterans and Mr. Keller will work closely with the ESC offices in the State in initiating the program.

Personnel Changes

Joseph R. Thompson has resigned as VER in the Lenoir office; James R. Tew has been appointed interviewer in the Burlington office; Mrs. Ruth S. Evans, Mrs. Dorothy Cole, Mrs. Annie Bell Watkins and Henry Claire Green have been appointed junior general clerks in the Central office.

Paint Up—Clean Up

Painting interiors of local offices, along with new floors, new ceilings, partitions and other improvements are being carried on, have been completed, or are to be done in numbers of cases, giving cleaner and neater appearances.

ES Commission To Meet

Chairman Henry E. Kendall has called a meeting of the full Employment Security Commission to be held in his office in the Caswell Building July 26, probably for one day only. Routine (Continued On Page 3)

Union people owe a debt of co-operation and helpfulness to their brothers. If it were not for the other fellows in the Union, each man would stand alone. Then where would he be?

Election day this year in several states and cities will be November 6.

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