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Section B

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS

Instructions for carrying out the withholding provisions of the new revenue act were issued today by Harry C. Westover, collector of internal revenue for Southern California.

Take-home pay will be greater on and after May 1 than it has been in several years as a result of increased exemptions provided by the new act.

Wages paid on and after May 1, regardless of when earned, will be based on the new exemptions. Wages paid between now and April 30, inclusive, are subject to the present tax rates and exemptions. The key word is "paid".

Employers will not make refunds of taxes withheld between January 1 and April 30 under rates currently in effect. Such refunds will be obtained by employees next March when filing income tax returns for the calendar year 1948.

Under the new act each person is allowed an exemption of \$600—\$100 more than last year. The new exemption is effective 1948.

In addition to the increase in each exemption, individuals who are now age sixty-five or who will reach age sixty-five during 1948 will be entitled to another full \$600 exemption for this year.

Individuals who are blind according to certain optical specifications or who become blind prior to the end of the year are also accorded an additional full \$600 exemption regardless of their age.

These exemptions are allowed the taxpayer or his wife. They may not be taken for dependents. A son supporting his mother over age sixty-five is entitled to claim only one \$600 exemption for her in addition to his own. A husband living with a wife over age sixty-five may take one exemption for himself, one additional exemption for her, and still another exemption because she is age sixty-five.

New withholding tax exemption certificates (Form W-4) will be provided employers as soon as they are received from Washington, probably by April 23. These new certificates will afford space for blind employees and for those age sixty-five to claim new exemptions for themselves and their husbands or wives.

Present exemption certificates remain in effect for employees who have no additional exemption to claim. The mere fact that the personal exemption has been raised from \$500 to \$600 does not require a new certificate.

New withholding tax tables are being printed and will be distributed sometime before the end of this month. These will indicate the amount of deduction to be taken from employees' paychecks on and after May 1 and will cover the increased exemptions as well as the additional exemptions.

No change will be made in the withholding tax report (Form W-1) and present forms may be used.

New payroll period exemptions are as follows: A single person and age sixty-five paid weekly will have a \$13.00 exemption; bi-weekly \$26.00; semi-monthly \$28.00; monthly \$56.00; daily \$1.80. Additional exemptions will call for multiples of these amounts.

While the new revenue act increases personal exemptions to \$600, no change was made in the definition of a dependent. Any person who will earn \$500 or more during 1948 may not be considered a dependent regardless of whether or not he is blind or has reached age sixty-five.

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The committee is assisting in National Public Health Nurse Week, April 11-17, and will provide advisory and volunteer service to the nurses throughout the year.

An institute for lay people will be held April 13 all day at the Assistance League playhouse, 1367 North St. Andrews place, Los Angeles, under the auspices of the California State organization for public health nursing, unit five. Many representatives of the community group interested in public health nursing in Torrance are planning to attend.

The annual luncheon under the direction of the public health nurses' section of the California State Nurses' Association will be held April 14 at 12 o'clock in the Los Angeles Elks' club.

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Second Unit Of New Edison Co. Plant Operating

More steam-generated electric power became available for the Southern California Edison Company system today (April 8) when a second new generating unit went into service at the company's Redondo Beach Steam Station. Operation of the new unit, of 66,000 kilowatt capacity, followed by less than two months the completion of an initial unit of like capacity. The addition of the two units has brought the Edison Company's total hydro and steam-electric operating capacity to 1,526,180 kilowatts.

Construction of buildings to house two more generating units is under way at the Redondo station. These two additional units, each of 66,000 kilowatt capacity, when installed in less than two years from now, will bring the station's capacity to 2,640,000 kilowatts.

In addition to the \$37,000,000 Redondo Steam Station, Edison's plant expansion program includes new hydro-electric generating capacity for the company's power development at Big Creek in the High Sierra. An additional generating unit of 35,000 kilowatt capacity is now being added to Big Creek plant No. 3.

Three major electrical substations involving an estimated expenditure of \$6,700,000, 75 distribution stations and the construction of more than a 1000 miles of transmission and distribution lines are other major elements of Edison's \$63,000,000 construction schedule for 1948.

Tidelands Grab Would Add To Tax Exemptions

Seizure of California's tidelands could add 1,920,000 acres to the Federal Government's tax-exempt holdings in the State and extend Washington's land-grip to more than 50 per cent of the State's entire land area, the County Supervisors Association of California reported today.

The Association denounced the tidelands grab as "barefaced confiscation" and cited it as proof of the need to obtain relief for California counties from a Federal policy "which is eating away our local tax base."

As an example of the direct stake every county of California has in the loss of local taxes through Federal ownership, Frederic L. Alexander, general manager of the Association pointed out that Los Angeles County property with an estimated assessed value of \$84,297,528 is owned by Washington.

Removal of the property from local tax rolls represents an estimated annual tax loss of \$2,749,125 to the county.

The California area now in Federal hands—including metropolitan and rural holdings—represents 46.84 per cent of the State's land surface of 100,353,920 acres.

WAVES Now Reservists

The Bureau of Naval Personnel recently has announced that both officer and enlisted WAVES are now eligible to train with Naval Air Reserve squadrons at their regular meetings twice a month and receive four days' pay for these two meetings.

There are available at the Naval Air Station, Los Alamitos, billets for 43 WAVE officers of various ranks to serve with the air groups and squadrons based at the station in administrative capacities. These same squadrons and air groups have available billets for 110 enlisted WAVES who formerly held aviation ratings. They would be used as Link trainer operators, yeomen, hospital corpsmen, and in the Aviation Training Department. The program is open to WAVES who have been discharged, as well as those that are still in the inactive reserve. There are no age qualifications, the only requisite being that the applicant must not be drawing disability compensation. The recruiting office at the Los Alamitos Base is open every day but Monday from 8:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

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