

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
December 30, 1942.

Dear Sir:

I'm writing this in reference to your plan of collecting income taxes. And believe me when I say we are all for it 100%. I work in the Cramp Shipbuilding Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and I have asked most everyone there, outside of the plant and my friends, if they approved of your plan. Almost every answer was the same, "I hope he puts it over." As for myself, I wish you all the success in the world, and I know everyone that I have quoted about your plan wishes you the same. For it sure is hard for us to save up enough money to pay our income taxes. Not only that, but when we do have it there is always something that pops up to make us dig into our savings that we had put away for taxes. Then we are all worrying about how we will pay our taxes, and we worry at home and at work about getting the money. Mr. Ruml, you know yourself that even you worry when you cannot meet a payment and you know how happy everyone is when their bills are paid up, and how much faster and easier you can do your job, and how much more contented you are in life. Believe me, Mr. Ruml, when I say with this worriment off the workers mind it will speed up production more faster than it is now.

In closing, Mr. Ruml, we are all wishing you the best of luck and success with your plan.

Yours truly,

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Jersey City, New Jersey
January 5, 1943.

Mr. Beardsley Ruml.

Dear Sir:

I was reading your article in the paper, Daily News. You hit the nail on the head. I would like to tell you what the talk is in the Kearny Shipyard, at the Federal. The men said if they are forced to pay 1942 taxes they will discontinue buying War Bonds and the government will have to make a lot of jails to put them in because the money they had to pay out for debts leaves them broke.

I think we should pay every week from our salary, and let 1942 ride until we get a foothold on ourselves to accumulate enough money to pay it off.

You know, after being on the W.P.A. as long as some of us, and then getting a chance to make good money, you forget how to use it. If the government is wise they will string along with us and then our minds will be free of worry over income tax to do a real job to beat the Jap. We do not want to do the government out of anything - we only want a chance to get it together.

Yours truly,

Ship Yard Worker