



**[Head's letter to Poston internees re: importance of net factory, copy
(unsigned)]**

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Colorado River War Relocation Project Poston, Arizona

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To the Residents of Poston:

Since my return to Poston yesterday, I have been approached by many people regarding the recent vote on the Garnishing Net Factory. From their conversations I am of the opinion that there was a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding among the residents about the Net Factory, and I believe that the light vote and the slim margin indicate that the issue was not clearly defined or understood by the people.

I see in the Net Factory three important benefits which will accrue to the residents of Poston if the factory is put into immediate operation with the support of the people.

First: The Net Factory, presents a good opportunity for the evacuees to gain a great amount of good-will from the people and the Government of the United States; and while I realize that any loss of good-will was not fault of yours; I do know that the full and efficient operation of the factory will immensely aid the War Relocation Authority to carry out their program.

Second: If the Net Factory is put into operation at full capacity, it will bring into the community approximately \$150,000 per month which means an increased income and a higher standard of living for all the residents. It will also provide a strong economic base for the other projects in Poston.

Third: The Net Factory provides industrial work experience which has been heretofore denied the evacuees. Industrial experience will assist the residents to find and get better jobs on the outside.

The benefits outlined above, it seems to me; heavily outweigh any drawbacks or objections which can be raised in the minds of any of us when the matter is viewed in the light of the common good. I would like to suggest, therefore, in order to facilitate the opening of the factory, that the residents entrust to their Councilmen and to the Community Councils the responsibility and authority to work out the details with the contractors and to initiate the operation of the project.

Very truly yours
W. Wade Head, Project Director
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