

- d) Carry out urgent repairs to houses and, in localities where the average housing space per person is less than 4 square meters^ carry out more extensive works.

#### ARTICLE VII

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1. The competent German authorities may requisition (erfassen) any housing space necessary for carrying out the provisions of this law.

2. The requisitioning is effected by serving a written notice upon the owner and upon any person who may be in occupation. If this is not reasonably practicable, the requisitioning may be effected by affixing the written notice in a conspicuous position upon the property to be requisitioned.

3. Any person prejudicially affected may within three days of the date of service or affixation of the requisition notice lodge an appeal (Beschwerde) with the housing authority issuing the requisition notice. Such authority, unless it grants the redress asked for, must forward the appeal to the supervisory authority (Aufsichtsbehörde) for decision. The lodging of the appeal does not itself suspend or invalidate the requisition notice or any measures taken thereunder.

#### ARTICLE VIII /

1. In allocating available housing space, the German housing authorities shall adopt the following principles:

- a) A first priority shall be given in all cases to persons who have resisted the Nazi regime or suffered discrimination under dt.
- b) As between persons of equal priority; a preference shall be given to:
- I. Persons having large families and young children;
  - II. Aged persons;
  - III. Invalids and disabled persons.

The granting of such preference shall, however, be subject to local conditions and to any instructions of Military Government.

- c) Appropriate preferences shall also be granted, if Military Government so directs, in places where there is a shortage of skilled labor, to persons engaged in such labor.
- d) Preferential treatment shall not be given to any person on account of social or financial position.
- e) Foreigners residing in Germany of their own free will shall be treated on the same basis as persons of German nationality.