New York Case No. 31-1002

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ROSE MANUFACTURING CO.

Window Shade Accessories and Trimmings Girard and Aurora Machinery 168 Walworth Street Brooklyn, N. Y.

April 15th 1940

Wage-Hour Division 641 Washington St., New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

We would like to apply for a "Learner's Certificate" for Mary Weidner as a tassel finisher. She never did this work before and would like to learn this trade.

We would appreciate receiving a prompt reply as to the above.

Very truly yours,

ROSE MFG. COMPANY

Ann Epstein /s/

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MEMORANDUM

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Miss Beatrice Bisno Supervising Inspector

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Raymond Lewis

Inspector

Subject: Application for learners' permit by Rose Manufacturing

Company.

An investigation at the factory of the Rose Manufacturing Company on April 23, 1940 revealed the following:

There was one tassel worker in the factory named Miss Angela Pace, who stated that she had been employed for three weeks by this firm as a brush and fringe tassel worker and that she makes her 30 cents an hour. Miss Ann Epstein, the bookkeeper of the firm, stated that a Miss Mary Weidner had worked as an inexperienced tassel worker for the company one week and had been temporarily laid off pending the results of the application for a learners! permit.

Mrs. Mary Di Pietro, the former tassel worker of this firm, had been employed by the company as a homeworker for fourteen years. In the middle of September, 1939, when homework was stopped by this firm, she came to the factory and had been a tassel worker there until January 15, 1940. At the time of the indictment of this firm the entire factory staff had been dismissed -- including Mrs. Di Pietro. In an interview with Mrs. Di Pietro on April 23, 1940, she stated that she is able and anxious to work in the factory again and that since her dismissal nobody in the factory has contacted her for possible rehiring. She lives a half block from the factory.

The hiring of Miss Angela Pace, a new tassel worker, has many of the elements of a possible 15(a)(3) case.

This matter was discussed with Irving Rozen, Senior Attorney, who is handling the Rose Manufacturing Company case, which is still waiting final sentence in court. Mr. Rosen contacted Mr. Bick, Attorney for the Rose Manufacturing Company, and advised him of this situation. Mr. Bick said he would confer with the Rose Manufacturing Company and advise Mr. Rosen that Mrs. Di Pietro should call at the factory and apply for a position, to clarify the issues.

A letter was sent to Mrs. Di Pietro advising her to call Inspector Raymond Lewis on the phone on April 26 so that the matter could be explained to her.

April 25, 1940

In any event, request for a learners' permit should be denied at this time as, from the investigation of the situation, there is available skilled help in Brooklyn within a half block that is willing and able to work in the factory.

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Philip B. Fleming

April 26, 1940

Administrator

Attention: Mr. Merle D. Vincent Hearings and Exemptions Section

George B. Kelly Ragional Director New York, N. Y.

Rose Manufacturing Co. #31-1002 Mew York

In connection with the strucked request for a loarner's certificate, this office investigated the situation to determine whether experienced help was available in the immediate vicinity.

Mrs. Mary Di Pietro, formerly employed as a homeworker by the Rose Manufacturing Co. for a period of fourteen years until homework was discontinued on or about September 15, 1939, was subsequently employed in the factory on "tassels" until January 15, 1940.

Mrs. Di Pietro has been unemployed since that time and is anxious and willing to return to work and resides just a half a block from the factory. Other former employees having several years of experience, living in the same community, are available for duty.

It is therefor recommended that the application be denied at this time.

Attachment

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