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HEARING ON EXEMPTIONS FOR LEARNERS IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Exemptions for learners in the textile industry will be the subject of a hearing on November 28, 1938, at 10 o'clock, before Merle D. Vincent, Chief of the Hearings and Exemptions section of the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor, it was announced today. This is the first industry-wide request for permission to employ learners that has come before the Division since the Act went into effect on October 24. The hearing will be held in Room 3229, Labor Building, Washington, D. C.

The request came from the Cotton-Textile Institute, the Rayon Weavers Association and the National Federation of Textiles, the latter group representing silk processors, and it seeks an exemption for not more than 4 percent of the total number of employees of an employer at any one time as learners. Approval was requested for a learning period of nine weeks during which the owners of the mills could pay the workers 70 percent of the 25-cent-an-hour minimum.

Processors of wool did not join in the original request but the call for the hearing issued by Administrator Elmer F. Andrews included that field.
