

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Wage and Hour Division
Washington

"SHELTERED WORKSHOPS" ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAMED

Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, today named an advisory committee of eleven members to discuss and report to him desirable additional regulations to govern employment of handicapped persons in charitable organizations and institutions.

The committee includes representatives of agencies for the care of handicapped persons employed in what are generally known as "sheltered workshops", and representatives of management and labor.

Mr. Andrews announced, in conjunction with the naming of the committee, a continuance until June 1, 1939 of the present temporary blanket exemption for "sheltered workshops" which was scheduled to expire April 1, 1939.

The Wage and Hour Division has been hampered by the smallness of its staff in the handling of applications for exemption of handicapped workers in institutions, from the 25-cent an hour minimum and these two extensions were necessary in order to obtain the advice of a group experienced in handling this and related problems.

The committee named by Mr. Andrews will elect its own chairman at its first meeting in the Labor Building in Washington on April 11. Members of the committee are:

Col. John N. Smith, Jr.	Director, Institute for the Crippled and Disabled, New York
Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. O'Grady	Secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities, Washington
Oliver A. Friedman,	Executive Secretary, Milwaukee Goodwill Industries, Milwaukee

Edward Hochhauser,	Executive Director, Committee for the Care of the Jewish Tuberculous, Inc., New York
Peter J. Salmon,	Secretary, The Industrial Home for the Blind, Brooklyn, N. Y.
S. L. Hoffman,	Apparel Industry, New York
Dudley D. Sicher,	Textile Industry, retired, New York
Linton M. Collins,	Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Department of Justice (former National Recovery Administration, Division Administrator, in charge of Sheltered Workshops.) Miami, Florida.
Robert J. Watt, (Boris Shishkin, alternate)	American Federation of Labor, Boston
Gladys Dickason,	Research Director, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Congress of Industrial Organizations New York
Henry H. Collins, Jr., Secretary	Authorized Representative in the Issuance of Handicapped Certificates, Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor.

The advisory committee has been directed to report as soon as possible on the following question:

"What, if any, additional regulations should be issued by the Administrator to provide for the employment, in sheltered workshops, of individuals whose earning capacity is impaired by age or physical or mental deficiency or injury, under special certificates issued by the Administrator, at wages lower than the minimum wage applicable under Section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act."

The term "sheltered workshops" includes only those charitable organizations and institutions conducted not for profit but for the purpose of carrying out a recognized program of rehabilitation for handicapped individuals and of providing such individuals with remunerative employment or other occupational rehabilitating activity of an educational or therapeutic nature.