

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
Washington

THOMAS HOLLAND APPOINTED TRIAL EXAMINER ON THE APPAREL RECOMMENDATION

Thomas Holland, Chairman of the Public Contracts Board (Walsh-Healey Act), has been designated trial examiner for the public hearing on the apparel recommendation. This hearing has been postponed from October 23 to November 13, it was announced today by the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. The hearing will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the Raleigh Hotel, Washington, D. C.

The recommendations, which will be reviewed at the hearing, cover practically all cut-and-sew (knitted articles excluded) apparels except footwear. The industry, as defined, is one of the largest divisions of American industry, both in value of product and number of wage earners engaged. The definition includes 12,500 establishments employing 650,000 wage earners, which produced \$2,700,000,000 worth of apparels in 1937. This industry as defined came under the jurisdiction of some thirty code authorities under the N.R.A. It is estimated that about 200,000 wage earners in the industry are presently being paid less than the minimum wage recommendations.

As Chairman of the Public Contracts Board since its inception, Mr. Holland has presided at hearings which recommended 33 determinations of prevailing minimum wages to the Secretary of Labor to be made binding on government purchasing contracts. Several of these determinations were for various products in the apparel industry.

Mr. Holland is an attorney, was formerly professor of economics at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, and at one time was labor manager for the Hart, Schaffner and Marx Clothing Company at Chicago.

Any interested person may appear in support or opposition to the apparel recommendation by filing with the Wage and Hour Division a "Notice of Intention to Appear" not later than November 8. As the hearing is expected to take several days, it will be necessary to state the division or divisions of the recommendation in which the applicant is interested and the approximate length of time requested. The apparel recommendation was made by Industry Committee No. 2 under the Fair Labor Standards Act. It recommended rates of 32-1/2 cents, 35 cents, 37-1/2 cents, and 40 cents an hour for 28 divisions of the industry.

At the close of the hearing Mr. Holland will turn over to the Administrator the record of the testimony and the Administrator will hear oral arguments on the record or accept briefs, or both.

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