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

LEATHER INDUSTRY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Appointment of a committee of 24 members to recommend a minimum wage for the leather industry under the Fair Labor Standards Act was announced today by the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. Msgr. Francis J. Haas, Dean of the School of Social Science, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., will be chairman of the committee, which is equally representative of the public, the employers, and the employees. The committee plans to meet for the first time late in March in Washington.

The definition of the industry for which the committee is authorized to recommend a minimum wage between 30 and 40 cents an hour inclusive is:

- "(a) The manufacture of leather (including rawhide) from any type of hide or skin; the currying and finishing of leather and
- "(b) The manufacture of welting and power transmission belting when made wholly or principally of leather."

The industry committee for the Shoe Manufacturing and Allied Industries was appointed last year and recommended a minimum wage of 35 cents an hour for such industries. This recommendation is awaiting approval or disapproval by the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division. A committee for leather products other than shoes will be appointed later.

Members of the leather committee are:

FOR THE PUBLIC:

Msgr. Francis J. Haas
Dean of the School of Social Science
Catholic University of America
Washington, D. C.

Edgar M. Hoover, Jr.
Assistant Professor of Economics
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Miss Elizabeth S. Magee Executive Secretary Consumers' League of Ohio Cleveland. Ohio

Miss Elizabeth Morrissy Professor of Economics Notre Dame College Baltimore, Maryland

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John J. Murray
Lawyer and former Chairman of the
Massachusetts State Board of
Arbitration
Boston, Massachusetts

Harry W. Newburger
Former Vice-President and Director
L. Bamberger and Company
New York, New York

Thomas L. Norton Professor of Economics University of Buffalo Buffalo, New York

Tipton R. Snavely Department of Economics University of Virginia Charlottesville, Virginia

All the public members with the exception of Mr. Newburger have served on the Shoe Industry Committee.

FOR THE EMPLOYERS:

H. N. Goodspeed A. C. Lawrence Leather Company Peabody, Massachusetts

Ernest Lyndon McKee Armour Leather Company Sylva, North Carolina

Silas Foot S. B. Foot Tanning Company Red Wing, Minnesota

William Humneman, Jr.
Mitchell & Peirson, Inc.
and
William Amer Company
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

A. J. Swedenborg Raser Tanning Company Ashtabula, Ohio

George J. Harrington Hunt Rankin Leather Company Peabody, Massachusetts

John Mahoney
Alma Leather Company
Johnstown, New York
and
John F. Mahoney & Bro., Inc.
Gloversville, New York

Edward H. Ball Chicago Belting Company Chicago, Illinois

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All of the Leather Division
International Fur & Leather Workers' Union (CIO)

Bernard G. Quinn, General President United Leather Workers International Union (A. F. of L.) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Boris Shishkin, Economist American Federation of Labor Washington, D. C.

William Oaksford, Executive Board Member Independent Leather Workers' Union of Fulton County Johnstown, New York

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