

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

ARTIFICIAL FLOWER INDUSTRY LEARNER HEARING APRIL 2

A hearing on applications for permission to employ learners in the artificial flower industry at less than the minimum wage will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 1940, at 10 A.M. in the Raleigh Hotel, 12th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., it was announced today by the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

For the purpose of this hearing the term "artificial flower industry" includes the manufacture, processing and fabrication of artificial flowers, buds, foliage, fruits, plants, and feathers, or parts thereof from any material; and the preservation and processing of natural flowers, foliage and feathers.

Gustav Peck, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch of the Wage and Hour Division, **has been designated to preside.** He is to determine the need, if any, for learners in the industry and the wage, time, number, proportion, and length of learning period for which special certificates should be issued, for whatever occupations, if any, are found to require a learning period. The statutory minimum wage for those engaged in interstate commerce or in work necessary to the production of goods for interstate commerce is 30 cents an hour, and this now applies in the artificial flower industry. This hearing will be held under Section 14 of the Fair Labor Standards Act (Federal Wage and Hour Law) on the applications made by Abraham Garstenzang, Inc., and other parties. (Federal Register March 15, 1940)

Opportunity to present evidence will be afforded any interested person filing with Mr. Peck prior to noon Saturday, March 30, 1940 a Notice of Intention to Appear.