

ARTHUR J. WHITE APPOINTED HEAD OF NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT AND NEW JERSEY WAGE-HOUR REGION

To unify administration of the federal wage and hour law in the metropolitan industrial area in and about New York City, Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, today combined the State of New Jersey with Region II of the Wage and Hour organization (New York and Connecticut) and designated Arthur J. White as Acting Regional Director for the combined area.

Mr. White has been Regional Director of Wage and Hour Region No. IV (New Jersey and Delaware), with headquarters at Newark, New Jersey. In today's revision of the wage-hour map, Delaware was combined with Region III (Pennsylvania) under the administration of Frank J. G. Dorsey, Regional Director, with headquarters at Philadelphia.

George B. Kelly, until yesterday Director of the New York and Connecticut Wage-Hour Region, resigned to campaign for election as representative in Congress from the 38th District of New York, which includes the city of Rochester.

The Newark office of the Wage and Hour Division will continue to operate and to serve the State of New Jersey as administrative and enforcement headquarters of the Wage and Hour Division in that State. The staff of the Newark office will continue on their present assignments.

Combining New Jersey with New York and Connecticut, Colonel Fleming pointed out, brings the garment industries of the metropolitan area, the largest of that section and a highly competitive one with many low wage situations, under the enforcement and administrative activities of one office. Other industries are similarly situated.

Mr. White will arrive at the New York Wage and Hour Division, in the Port of Authority Building, Saturday morning to undertake his new duties. Mr. White is a resident of Red Bank, New Jersey, has had extensive management experience in the construction industry, including labor relations work with organized employees. He was active in establishing a minimum wage for the granite industry under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act. He is 43 years old, is married and has two children. He was appointed regional director of the former New Jersey and Delaware Region (Region IV) in November, 1939. (5284)