

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

PUERTO RICO INDUSTRY HEARING DATE MOVED UP

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The special committee appointed under the Fair Labor Standards Act to examine into the Puerto Rican needlework industry and recommend a minimum wage rate for it will open its hearing on September 26, at 10:00 A. M. in the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium, San Juan, Puerto Rico, it was announced today by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. The meeting had originally been scheduled to open September 30. Monsignor Francis J. Haas of Catholic University is chairman of the committee.

The permanent injunction, signed by Judge Robert A. Cooper in the U. S. District Court at San Juan September 4, binding 71 of the 91 employers engaged in the needlework industry on the island to strict compliance with the Wage and Hour Law will simplify the work of the special industry committee.

Any person who, in the opinion of the committee or its duly authorized subcommittee, has a substantial interest in the proceeding and is prepared to present material pertinent to the question under consideration, may appear. Witnesses must file with Charles A. Wood, Territorial Representative of the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor, El Banco Popular Building, San Juan, Puerto Rico, not later than September 21, a notice of Intention to Appear. They should state the length of time their testimony will take. Testimony is taken under oath.

Written statements of persons who cannot appear personally will be considered by the committee provided twenty copies are received not later than September 21 by Mr. Wood.

After the committee, on which labor and the employers are represented equally with the public, has made its recommendation, this will be the subject of separate hearings before the Administrator, after which a wage order will be issued if he finds the recommendation supported by the evidence.

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