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



WAGE-HOUR COMPLIANCE DRIVE IN LEATHER GOODS AND LUGGAGE INDUSTRY BRINGS BACK PAY OF \$5,078 TO 162 EMPLOYEES

Back wages of \$5,078 are payable to 162 American leather goods and luggage workers as a result of court actions during the first two weeks' drive for compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act in this industry by the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

Three leather goods firms have been recently enjoined from further violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. A consent decree, directing payment of approximately \$2,787 to 83 employees of the Pawling Leather Goods Manufacturing Corporation, Pawling, New York, was signed in U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York by Judge Vincent L. Leibell. This firm manufactures handbags.

Another consent decree directing payment of some \$1,513 to 70 employees of the Passaic Leather Novelty Manufacturing Co., Inc. of Passaic, New Jersey was signed in U. S. District Court for New Jersey by Judge Thomas Glynn Walker. This firm is engaged in the business of manufacturing wallets, key cases, tobacco pouches, and other similar products.

The Novelty-Pelt Vest Co. of New York City, manufacturing sheepskin vests, was directed to pay approximately \$778 to 9 employees in a consent decree signed in U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York by Judge Matthew T. Abruzzo.