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ENAMELED UTENSIL INDUSTRY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Appointment of a committee of six members to recommend minimum wages for the enameled utensil industry was announced today by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. (Federal Register November 26, 1940). Thomas L. Norton, Professor of Economics, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, will be Chairman.

The "enameled utensil industry", for which the Committee will recommend minimum wage rates is defined as "the manufacture of culinary, household, and hospital utensils of sheet iron or sheet steel coated with vitreous enamel". This definition covers all occupations in the industry necessary to the production of the specified articles, including clerical, maintenance, shipping and selling. It does not include employees of an independent wholesaler, or manufacturer who are engaged exclusively in marketing and distributing products of the industry which have been purchased for resale.

The industry, as defined, is located largely in the North and Midwest, being concentrated in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Wisconsin. An estimated 9,000 workers are employed by about 23 manufacturers, approximately 1,000 of whom are receiving less than 40 cents an hour, the highest rate the Committee can recommend as a minimum.

The Committee is equally representative of the public, the employers, and the employees. The member for the public, in addition to the Chairman, Dr. Norton, is Dr. Frank Lewand, Assistant Professor of Economics, Catholic University, Washington, D. C. The employer representatives are Howard Fawcett, President of the Republic Stamping and Enameling Co., Canton, Ohio, and E. G. Gardner, Vice President of the National Enameling and Stamping Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The employee representatives are Harold J. Ruttenberg, Research Director, Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and John D. Tuttle, International Council of Fabricated Metal, Culinary, Dairy, Gasoline Utensil and Enamelware Workers, Canton, Ohio.

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