

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

40 CENT MINIMUM RECOMMENDED FOR ENAMELED UTENSIL WORKERS

A report by an industry committee recommending a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour for all wage earners in the enameled utensil industry was received today by Colonel Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

The report was signed by Thomas L. Norton of Buffalo, a public member and chairman of the committee, and three other members of the six-man committee. The two employer members did not sign the report.

If approved by the Administrator, the 40 cent rate will increase the wages of 1,200 employees, or approximately 20 percent of the 6,200 workers in the industry. These figures are according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics which, in its survey, also indicated that there are 28 plants in the industry, of which 17 manufacture enameled utensils as a major product. The industry is centered in Ohio, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.

Colonel Fleming will soon schedule a public hearing on the recommendation at which any interested person may appear. At the conclusion of this hearing, the Administrator will either approve or disapprove the recommendation. If he approves, he will issue a wage order having the force of law.

The Enameled Utensil Industry Committee is the nineteenth reporting a recommendation under Section 8 of the Fair Labor Standards Act which authorized the Administrator to act on the recommendations of industry committees by advancing whole industries toward the 40-cent minimum goal of the law where this can be done without substantially curtailing employment.

In addition to the chairman the members are:

For the Public: Dr. Frank Lewand, Assistant Professor of Economics,
Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

For the Employers: Howard Fawcett, President of the Republic Stamping and
Enameling Company, Canton, Ohio, and E. G. Gardner, Vice President of the National
Enameling and Stamping Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

For the Employees: Harold J. Ruttenberg, Research Director, Steel Workers
Organizing Committee, Pittsburgh, Pa., and John D. Tuttle, International Council
of Fabricated Metal, Culinary, Dairy, Gasoline Utensil and Enamelware Workers,
Canton, Ohio.

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