

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

MEN'S SHIRTS, SINGLE PANTS AND ALLIED GARMENTS
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Appointment of a committee to investigate and recommend a new minimum wage for the men's shirts, single pants and allied garments industry was announced today by Colonel Phillip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, United States Department of Labor. This committee will meet in the Labor Department in Washington on April 15. At that time it will receive evidence on economic and competitive conditions in the industry from employers and employees or representatives of either.

Workers in this industry are covered by the apparel wage order now in effect requiring payment of at least 32-1/2 cents an hour except in the manufacture of men's washable service garments and of single pants not 100 percent cotton. The apparel wage order requires payment of at least 35 cents an hour for the first and 37-1/2 cents an hour for the second.

The appointment of the new committee follows the policy announced by Colonel Fleming last week when the United States Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Wage and Hour Law to "reappoint industry committees where the wage order minimums are only an approach to 40 cents an hour."

The members of the committee are:

For The Public:

William H. Spencer, Chicago
Capus Waynick, High Point, North Carolina
William E. Simpkin, Philadelphia

For The Employers:

Louis Rosensweig, New York
Morris Michael, Macon, Georgia
B. E. Kinney, Kansas City, Mo.

For The Employees:

Joseph McCurdy, Baltimore, Md.
Jacob S. Potofsky, New York
Frank Rosenblum, Chicago

For the purpose of establishing wage minimums, the Single Pants, Shirts, and Allied Garments Industry is defined as:

"The production of men's and boys': Single pants, washable service garments, work shirts, overalls, overall jackets, and coveralls from any material; dress and sport shirts from woven fabric or purchased knit fabric; and collars and sleeping wear from woven fabric."

Louis Rosensweig, of S. Liebovitz and Sons, New York, one of the three employer representatives on the committee, served also as a member of the Apparel Industry Committee. Morris Michael, another of the employer representatives, is of Happy Brothers, of Macon, Georgia. B. E. Kinney, the other employer representative, is connected with the H. D. Lee Mercantile Company of Kansas City, Missouri.

All three members of the committee for the public have served on other industry committees. William H. Spencer was a member of the Railroad Carrier Industry Committee. He is Dean of the School of Business of the University of Chicago. Capus Waynick was a member of the Hosiery and Drug, Medicine and Toilet Preparations Industry Committees and is editor of the High Point Enterprise of High Point, North Carolina. William E. Simpkin served on the Converted Paper Products Industry Committee. He is Acting Impartial Chairman of the Full Fashioned Hosiery Industry.

All of the members of the committee representing employees served on the Apparel Industry Committee. Joseph McCurdy is a member of the General Executive Board, United Garment Workers of America. Jacob Potofsky is assistant to the General President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Frank Rosenblum is a member of the General Executive Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.