

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

HEARINGS ON "BETTER GRADE DRESSES" LEARNERS APRIL 3

A hearing on the question of authorizing the employment of learners in the manufacture of "better grade dresses" at less than the 35 cents-an-hour minimum of the apparel wage order will begin at 10:00 a'clock Thursday morning, April 3 in Room 3229 in the Department of Labor Building, Washington, General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, announced today. Dr. Gustav Peck, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch of the Division, will preside.

Under the Division's present regulations for learners in the apparel industry, employment of learners at less than the minimum is not authorized in the manufacture of better grade dresses except on a special showing.

Under a recent tentative interpretation made for administrative purposes, Better Grade Dresses have been defined as those which wholesale above \$22.50 per dozen. An attempt will be made to elicit facts as to the reasonableness of this interpretation at this hearing.

Any interested person wishing to appear may do so by communicating before April 1 with Dr. Peck and stating the approximate time required. Briefs and written arguments received by April 5 will be considered.

On the close of the hearing, Dr. Peck will forward a record of the proceedings and will make findings of fact and recommendations to the Administrator.

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