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GRAY IRON FOUNDRY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS 40-CENT MINIMUM WAGE

A 40-cent minimum wage for the gray iron jobbing foundry industry was recommended in a report filed with the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division today by the committee, of which Sidney E. Sweet, of St. Louis, Dean of the Episcopal Church, is chairman. The gray iron jobbing foundry committee, composed of fifteen members representing the public, employers and employees, voted unanimously for the 40-cent minimum.

The recommendation, if approved by General Philip B. Fleming, the Administrator after a public hearing, will raise the hourly wages of an estimated eight percent of the 150,000 to 200,000 workers in the industry.

The gray iron jobbing foundry industry is defined as the "manufacture of ferrous or ferrous base castings, rough and finished, except malleable iron castings, steel castings, pipe and pipe fittings, for sale by the producer but not the manufacture of the same for use by the producer in the fabrication of other products or parts thereof."

Foundries which are operated solely for the production of castings which are used by the same concern in the manufacture of other products, are not within the definition.

The minimum wage recommendations of the committee, if approved by the Administrator, will apply to all occupations necessary to the production of the articles specified in the definition, including clerical, maintenance, shipping and selling occupations, but does not include employees of a manufacturer who are engaged exclusively in marketing and distributing products of the industry which have been purchased for resale.

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