

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
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HEARING ON 37-1/2 CENT TEXTILE MINIMUM WAGE POSTPONED TO MAY 15

Public hearing, at which any interested person may appear, on the 37-1/2 cents an hour minimum wage recommendation of the textile industry committee will be held in Washington on May 15 instead of May 12 as originally scheduled, General Philip B. Fleming, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, announced today.

Thomas Holland, Director of the Research and Statistics Branch of the Division, will preside as representative of the Administrator.

At the same time, General Fleming announced that evidence will be taken on the possible necessity of dealing with charges made against textile workers wages for rent and other facilities furnished by employers. The official notice of the hearing states:

"WHEREAS, Section 8(f) of the Act provides that wage orders 'shall contain such terms and conditions as the Administrator finds necessary to carry out the purposes of such orders, to prevent the circumvention or evasion thereof, and to safeguard the minimum wage rates established therein;' and,

"WHEREAS, there exists in the Textile Industry a practice whereby employers deduct from the wages of employees sums of money on account of facilities furnished to such employees by the employers: . . .

"A public hearing will be held on May 15, 1941, before Thomas W. Holland, as presiding officer, at 10:00 A. M. in Room 3229, Department of Labor Building, for the purpose of taking evidence on the following questions:

- "1. Whether the recommendation of Industry Committee No. 25 shall be approved or disapproved; and
- "2. In the event an order is issued approving the recommendation, what, if any, provision is necessary to be made in such order, regulating, prohibiting, or restricting deductions from wages for facilities furnished by employers to employees in the Textile Industry, to carry out the purposes of such order, to prevent the circumvention or evasion thereof, and to safeguard the minimum wage rates established therein."