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PROTEST AGAINST WAIVING 40-HOUR WEEK AS A SEASONAL  
INDUSTRY FOR DEHYDRATING CITRUS TO BE HEARD JUNE 5  
AT LOS ANGELES

A hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on June 5 in Room 229, Federal Building, Los Angeles, California, on a protest against granting a seasonal exemption from the 40-hour week of the Federal Wage and Hour Law for the dehydrating of citrus pulp and waste. The protest was made by the Citrus By-Products Workers Union, Local 20831, A.F. of L., of Corona, California. Harold Stein, Assistant Director of the Hearings Branch of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C., will preside.

An exemption from the 40-hour week is provided for industries found to be of a seasonal nature, "owing to climate or other natural conditions rendering raw materials unavailable for a period of the year." In protesting the Union stated that its members were engaged in producing by-products from lemons and that their industry operated on an annual basis.

If granted a seasonal exemption, the dehydrating of citrus pulp and waste can be carried on by employees working 12 hours a day or 56 hours a week for as much as 14 weeks a year without overtime pay. The minimum wage requirement of at least 30 cents an hour is not affected.

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