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GLOVES AND MITTENS COMMITTEE TO MEET JANUARY 27

Appointment of a committee to recommend a new minimum wage for the manufacture of gloves and mittens was announced today by Thomas W. Holland, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor. The committee will meet at 10 a.m., January 27, in Room 3229 of the Department of Labor Building.

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, the committee is instructed to investigate economic and competitive conditions in the industry and to recommend the highest minimum wage up to 40 cents an hour which will not substantially curtail employment.

The industry is defined as:

"The production of gloves and mittens from any material or combination of materials, except athletic gloves and mittens, provided, however, that the definition shall not include any product the manufacture of which is covered by an order of the Administrator defining an industry, and approving the recommendation of an industry committee or appointing an industry committee for such industry, issued prior to the signing of Administrative Order No. 137 appointing Industry Committee No. 40 for the Gloves and Mittens Industry, except the products included in the wage orders issued for the 'Work Gloves and Mittens' and the 'Gloves and Mittens Other Than Work Gloves and Mittens' Divisions of the Apparel Industry."

The manufacture of gloves and mittens other than work gloves and mittens has been at a minimum of 35 cents an hour, and the manufacture of work gloves and mittens at a minimum of 32-1/2 cents an hour since July 15, 1940, as divisions of the Apparel Wage Order. The 35 cent rate increased the wages of about 7,000 workers, and the 32-1/2 cent rate increased the wages of approximately 5,000 employees.

John P. Troxell, Professor of Industrial Relations, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, is chairman. Other members of the committee are:

For the Public:

Miss Mildred Fairchild, Professor of Social Economics, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
Elmo Hohman, Professor of Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Dean Robert H. Wettach, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
John A. Fitch, Professor of Social Work, New York School of Social Work, New York

For the Employees:

Mrs. Florence Nolan and Mrs. Blanche Fritcher, both of the Glove Workers' Union of Fulton County (Ind.), Gloversville, New York
Thomas Durian, Milwaukee, Wis.; and Agnes Nestor, Chicago, both of the International Glove Workers Union of America (A. F. of L.)
Frank McMaster, Gloversville, New York, of the Glove Workers of Fulton County (CIO)

For the Employers:

Elmer E. Little, Elmer Little & Son, Johnstown, New York
T. H. Mueller, Julius Kayser Company, New York
Ralph O. Collins, Gloversville Knitting Company, Gloversville, New York
W. O. Wells, Wells, Lamont Smith Corporation, Chicago
A. L. Shuford, Warlong Glove Manufacturing Company, Conover, North Carolina

Any person wishing to present evidence to this committee may arrange to do so by writing to Albourne B. Long, Acting Director, Industry Committee Branch, Wage and Hour Division, Washington, D. C.

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