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NEWSPAPER MANAGEMENT AND LABOR INVITED TO CONFERENCE ON MARCH 2

A conference of newspaper management and labor representatives to discuss job classifications in the newspaper industry with the view of determining which are exempt from coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act was scheduled today by Thomas W. Holland, Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U. S. Department of Labor.

The conference, to which all interested persons in the industry are invited, will be held on March 2, in room 3229 of the Department of Labor Building, Washington, D. C. Merle D. Vincent, Director of the Division's Hearings Branch, will preside.

The conference was called by Mr. Holland following a five-months' survey of the newspaper industry conducted by the Division with the close cooperation of management and labor. Ultimate goal of the survey is establishment of a standard job classification directory for the newspaper industry which will determine which jobs in the industry meet with the Administrator's definition granting exemptions from the wage and hour provisions of the Act for certain employees, as contained in the Administrator's regulations for Section 13(a)(1) of the Act.

Result of the survey to date is the agreement by management and labor to the establishment of 290 job classifications. No controversy between management and labor is reported respecting the exempt or non-exempt status of 176 of the classifications. The conference is called to consider the status of the remaining 114 classifications. It is hoped the conference may produce agreements respecting many if not all of these.

Persons, firms or organizations interested in attending the conference are requested to notify Mr. Vincent by February 20. Mimeographed copies of the job classifications agreed to and those to be considered at the conference may be obtained from the Division's Information Branch, Washington, D. C.