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COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO SET MINIMUM WAGE IN METAL, PLASTICS,
MACHINERY, INSTRUMENT AND ALLIED
INDUSTRIES

An industry committee of 36 persons was today appointed by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the U. S. Department of Labor, to establish a minimum wage rate in the combined Metal, Plastics, Machinery, Instrument and Allied Industries, employing about 7,500,000 wage earners.

In making the appointment, Mr. Walling set a precedent in administering the Wage and Hour Law. Heretofore, industry committees have been set up to study individual industries. The appointment today is part of a program to expedite the establishment of a minimum wage in all industries, for reasons of economy, by streamlining the Division's wage-order machinery. Ordinarily, the setting up of a wage-minimum in the metal, plastics, machinery, instrument and allied industries would require the appointment of 15 or 20 committees; these committees would be forced to travel from all sections of the country to meetings in New York City and the time, travel and other expenses (paid by the Government) would be considerable.

The official designation of the industries involved is "the production of metals and the manufacture of any product or part made of metal or plastics; and the manufacture from any material of machinery, instruments, tools, electrical goods, transportation equipment, and ordnance; provided, however, the definition shall not include the mining or milling of metalliferous ores or the production of any basic material other than metal."

The Committee will meet at the Hotel Astor, New York, on February 16, 1943. Its function is to hear testimony, to take evidence, and then to recommend the highest minimum wage rate (not to exceed 40 cents an hour) for those employed in the industry, with due regard to economic and competitive conditions and employment in the industry.

The Committee consists of:

For the Public:

George E. Osborn, Chairman, Palo Alto, California
Clarence Ayres, Austin, Texas
Robert P. Brocht, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
George J. Burke, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Frank T. Carlton, Cleveland, Ohio
Ralph S. Foss, New York, New York
John Ise, Lawrence, Kansas
H. C. Nixon, Nashville, Tennessee
James S. Robbins, Washington, D. C.
Erwin H. Schell, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Tipton R. Snavely, Charlottesville, Virginia
John I. Yellott, Chicago, Illinois

For the Employees:

Joseph Besch, Washington, D. C.
Edward D. Bieretz, Washington, D.C.
Paul Christopher, Knoxville, Tenn.
George Q. Lynch, Washington, D.C.

For the Employers:

B. S. Berlin, Trenton, N. J.
A. F. Trombore, Milwaukee, Wisc.
W. A. DeRidder, Oakland, Calif.
Ralph E. Herman, New Haven, Conn.

Joseph McLaughlin, Washington, D.C.
Russ Nixon, Washington, D. C.
Ben Riskin, Washington, D. C.
Joseph Scanlon, Pittsburgh, Penna.
Boris Shishkin, Washington, D.C.
J. Raymond Walsh, Washington, D.C.
Charles W. Wilkerson, Cincinnati, O.
James Wishart, Detroit, Michigan

Clark Puffer, Ashland, Mass.
J. H. McDuffee, Toledo, Ohio
William B. Neal, Gadsden, Ala.
E. B. Sherwin, North Chicago, Ill.
A. L. Smith, Birmingham, Ala.
J. L. Turner, Wheeling, W. Va.
Hans. H. Wanders, South Boston, Mass.
August J. Zimmerman, Rochester, N.Y.

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