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FORTY CENT MINIMUM WAGE ESTABLISHED FOR 12,000 WORKERS IN SUGAR AND RELATED PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

Approximately 12,000 workers among the 60,000 employed in the Sugar and Related Products Industry will receive wage increases under the terms of an order issued under the Fair Labor Standards Act today by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The wage order requiring payment of the minimum hourly rate of 40 cents, becomes effective June 21, 1943. The establishment of this minimum rate was recommended January 6 by an industry committee of 18 persons representing equally the public, employers, and employees.