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CHILD-LABOR VIOLATIONS COST EMPLOYERS \$14,850

Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach today announced affirmation of four orders requiring four firms and individuals associated with them to pay a total of \$14,850 as liquidated damages to the Government on account of having "knowingly employed" child labor in violation of the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act.

The Act, which covers employees engaged in filling contracts let by Government agencies in amounts over \$10,000, provides that employers shall be liable to the Government at the rate of \$10 per day as liquidated damages for each day in which boys under 16 years of age and girls under 18 are "knowingly employed" in the fulfillment of contracts. The violations were disclosed through inspections by the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U.S. Department of Labor, and the assessments were levied by Administrator Wm. R. McComb.

Affected by the orders are:

Craddock-Terry Shoe Corporation, 12th and Campbell Avenue, Lynchburg, Va.; which was directed to pay \$8,090 for employing five under-age boys 809 days.

David Davis and Lillian J. Davis, co-partners doing business as Textile Products, 1323 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., \$4,680 for employing 15 underage girls and one under-age boy for 468 days.

Roger H. Pelham, trading as Pelham's, 140 East Wabash St., Indianapolis, Ind., directed to pay \$950 for employing one under-age girl and one under-age boy on a blueprint reproduction contract for a total of 95 days.

Amedeo Angelillo and Ernest Angelillo, co-partners doing business as Royalty Sportswear & Uniform Co., 186 Wooster St., New York, N. Y., \$1,130 for employing two under-age girls a total of 113 days.

Individuals and firms found in violation of the Public Contracts Act are automatically declared ineligible to receive Government contracts under the Act for three years, but the Secretary specifically directed that this provision be waived in these four instances.