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McCOMB POSTPONES ENFORCEMENT OF NEW INTERPRETATION ON
OVERTIME TO SEPTEMBER 15

Enforcement of a new interpretation under the Fair Labor Standards Act regarding certain types of premium payment, necessitated by the recent Supreme Court decision in the longshore cases, will not go into effect until September 15, 1948. Previously enforcement had been scheduled to begin July 1.

This was announced today by Wm. R. McComb, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division, U. S. Department of Labor. In ordering the postponement, Mr. McComb said that information from both labor and management sources indicated that more time is required to make appropriate adjustments, or where necessary, to make revisions in collective bargaining agreements, due to varying requirements of union agreements as to reopening of contracts.

At the same time the Administrator said that he expected soon to issue a statement outlining the principles he would follow in enforcement of the position he outlined in his Press Release No. 153 issued on June 11.

The Administrator explained that the major problem for management and labor growing out of the decision is that of bringing union agreements and employer practices into accord with the Court's findings.

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