

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
Washington

Administrator Elmer F. Andrews, of the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor today (Friday) made the following announcement:

"I have had several conferences with Governor Blanton Winship on the subject of the needlework industries in Puerto Rico as affected by the Fair Labor Standards Act. He has represented to me that local conditions there present peculiar problems of interpretation and practical difficulties of enforcement.

"I shall undertake as soon as possible to send a representative to Puerto Rico to make a first-hand study of the situation in all its phases, to recommend a practicable program for the Administrator in the performance of his functions under the Fair Labor Standards Act; and, if the need is indicated, to recommend special amendments of the statute as applied to Puerto Rico. The policy of the Wage and Hour Division with reference to this problem will not be determined until the representative has made his report."