

Labor Department issue Safety Standards

Secretary of Labor J. D. Hodgson today announced publication of the initial standards package under which most American employers and employees will be guided in an all-out effort to achieve safer and healthier workplaces.

Some 57 million Americans employed in approximately 4.1 million workplaces will be covered by the safety and health standards contained in nearly 250 pages of the Federal Register. This publication of the standards is notice that they are being applied in accordance with these terms.

Release of the standards is a major step in implementation of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, which became effective April 28, 1971.

Secretary Hodgson pointed out that the standards will be used by the new Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor in enforcing provisions of the Act to increase safety and health of American workers.

The initial standards package is both comprehensive and comprehensible, Secretary

Hodgson said. It is comprehensive to assure broad coverage and protection. It is comprehensible in that it is presented in organized form to facilitate understanding by industry and government.

The package is in three main sections. Two contain established Federal Standards construction standards recently promulgated by the Labor Department and maritime standards, in existence under previous legislation.

The third section contains general industry standards developed to provide safety and health coverage for industries other than construction and maritime. These consist of National Consensus Standards - standards adopted and promulgated by two nationally recognized standards-producing organizations under procedures where affected persons have reached agreement on their adoption - and standards previously established under the Walsh-Healey Act.

While the publication date for

the initial standards is May 29, a 90-day familiarization period exists except for employer now covered by applicable established Federal standards, as follows: - Maritime Safety standards will be effective immediately under OSHA as to employers and places of employment presently covered by the Maritime Safety Act.

- Walsh-Healey standards will be effective immediately under OSHA as to employers and places of employment covered by the Walsh-Healey Act and the Service Contract Act.

- Construction Safety standards are effective under the Construction Safety Act as to all Federal and Federally-assisted contracts advertised after April 24, 1971, and as to all negotiated contracts for which negotiations began after April 27, 1971. These standards will also be effective under OSHA on those dates.

In general, inspection of workplaces covered under Acts preceding OSHA will continue. Enforcement proceedings, however, will be brought under OSHA except for

proceedings presently underway.

With the date of publication in the Federal Register being May 29, 1971, the effective date of most standards under the 90 day familiarization period will be August 27, 1971.

The purpose of the familiarization period is to insure that affected employers and employees will be informed regarding the standards and can take action to come into compliance.

The familiarization period will also give the States a full opportunity to evaluate and upgrade their program in preparation for the submission to the Secretary of a plan under Section 18 (b) of the Act permitting them to develop and enforce their own safety and health standards.

Appropriate additional time periods for compliance have been provided where the standards require substantial material modification of equipment or procurement of safety devices.

However, where complaints are registered, during the 90 day period, OSHA Compliance Officers will make appropriate inspections. Prompt action will be taken in cases of imminent danger.

Police Standing

Although the man in blue, the local police officer, is becoming more and more the target of brickbats, both verbal and the more lethal form, he apparently has strong support from the independent business people of his community.

This is evidenced by the results of several special surveys conducted by the National Federation of Independent Business in selected states.

For example, in the state of Washington, 54 percent of the independent business people believe the answer to the growing crime problem is more police officers, while slightly over 55 percent believe police officers should get high pay.

In neighboring Oregon while only 40 percent believe there is a need for more officers, 55 percent feel that those on duty should get higher pay. In Arkansas, less than 30 percent of the independent business people feel that their police officers draw enough pay, and this is about the same percentage in Tennessee who believe officers are underpaid.

In Illinois, almost 50 percent feel that more police officers are needed, but 58 percent express the belief that existing police officers should be paid more for their services.

In Ohio, 51 percent are in favor of more police officers, and 55 percent would like to see them draw bigger pay checks.

Up in the cold area of Alaska, 51 percent believe more police officers are needed and 65 percent feel that they should get more remuneration.

While in California the same questions are not asked, independent business people by about an 80 percent majority are in favor of establishing two levels of police officers. One would only be involved in traffic control, domestic altercations and other duties which the state claims takes up 80 percent of the policemen's time. The other higher paid group would confine their activities solely to actual criminal activities.

In all the states being surveyed on the crime situation, independent business people are almost unanimous in their belief that the major correction needed is a faster processing of criminal court cases and more severe penalties for repeat offenders.

The independent business people appear to agree with the viewpoint expressed by J. Carroll Bateman, president of the Insurance Information Institute when speaking before the recent small business conference in Washington he stated that when crime moves into an area with heavy prevalence, insurance is forced out.

Francis Ford Signs Compliance Agreement

Officials of Francis Ford, Inc., signed a 13-point assurance of discontinuance in Circuit Court Monday, agreeing not to engage in certain acts of misrepresentation in their dealings with customers and prospective customers.

Company officials also agreed to "make readily available" to Multnomah County Dist. Atty. Des Connall all of the dealership's orders for spot checking by the DA's office.

The document was signed by William T. Murphree, president of Francis Ford; Frank Antone, general manager of the company; Scott W. Bennett II, director of the Metropolitan Consumer Protection Agency; and presiding Circuit Court Judge Phillip J. Roth.

THE ASSURANCE declared that Murphree and Antone are "not admitting that any party has committed or is guilty of any of the herein mentioned acts." It further stated, however, that the agreement was entered into "in recognition that the State of Oregon has the power to sue...."

Bennett said motion will be filed in Circuit Court asking the court to assess investigative expenses against Francis Ford. Bennett's agency is responsible for investigating and prosecuting consumer complaints of fraudulent sales or service practices.

AMONG THE acts which Francis Ford agreed to cease are these:

Taking from any potential customer the keys to a car which the customer is considering trading in "except when

the vehicle, with the owner's permission, is being test-driven or evaluated."

Taking from any customer a cash or property deposit, the customer's driver's license or the title to a customer's trade-in prior to the signing of the final contract.

Use of a sales technique called "write back," which can be utilized to conceal the fact that a customer is being charged illegally high interest rates.

Misrepresenting the history, quality or other characteristic of any vehicle, including past use and ownership.

Misrepresenting the authority, training or qualifications of any salesman or other employee.

Misrepresenting the "pay off" due on a car to be traded in by the customer.

Advertising a vehicle for sale which the company does not intend to sell at the advertised price.

Misrepresenting final contract terms by means of a contract switch.

Misrepresenting an inducement to finance a purchase.

Giving false reasons for discounts being offered on certain vehicles.

Officials agreed that they or their agents will read aloud and explain to the customer each material term contained on the front of the automobile order or retail installment contract.

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Labor Department

Assistant Secretary of Labor George C. Guenther announced today that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is enlarging its training classes in construction industry health and safety to meet an increased demand.

OSHA, the Department of Labor's newest division, has also initiated plans for adding 10 more cities to its original schedule of 25.

Already 441 students have graduated from the course and 254 students are registered for future classes.

The course is designed to prepare a highly skilled corps of instructors to teach others in the industry about on-the-job health and safety. It is offered free to representatives from management, labor, state governments or other groups interested in increasing awareness of requirements under the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Construction Safety Act.

According to directors of the program, more than 80 new instructors are already teaching their own courses and many more have classes in the planning stages.

The OSHA course was developed and is taught by a private consulting firm under contract to the Department of Labor. Instruction stresses development of teaching techniques as well as how to recognize and eliminate hazards in the working environment.

So far, graduates of the OSHA course have taught 257 others. Most courses are presented by organizations directly involved with construction work, but some are also taught outside the industry. One graduate is teaching a construction health and safety course for credit in a university. Another is conducting a class in a high school adult education program.

Up-coming courses will be in Denver, Colorado, June 28-July 2; and Des Moines, Iowa, July 12-17. Later, the schedule for the additional ten will be announced.

SALEM --- (Special) -- Ross Morgan, Employment Division Administrator announced today that total employment increased by 13,200 persons between April and May. The May total of 882,400 employed is a substantial 27,000 increase from May, 1970, he said.

Total unemployment at 59,000 was down 3,000 from April and 3,500 above the 1970 comparison. This is the smallest year to year rise in unemployment since June, 1970. Seasonally adjusted, the rate of unemployment for May is 6.5 percent compared with 6.5 percent in April and 6.3 percent for May, 1970. The national rate for May was 6.2 percent. The April level was revised downward with the inclusion of more recent data. In the seasonal adjustment program, Morgan said that if present trends continue the June unemployment total will be lower than the year ago comparison for the first time since June of 1969.

Total manufacturing employment was up 2,700 over the month, a stronger than normal increase for this time of year. Most of the jump was due to striking workers returning to the fabricated metals and machinery industries. Only the transportation equipment industry, up 500 over the month, exhibited anything other than a normal movement. Lumber and wood products employment at 270,100 was up 3,300 over the month and maintained the 4,000 year-to-year increase for the third straight month.

Paper and allied products industry employment was down 900 from last month with labor disputes.

Total manufacturing employment numbered 553,900 in May compared with 548,500 in April and 532,600 for May, 1970. Construction was up 2,300 from April with returning labor disjunctants. Trade rose 1,700 in employment somewhat less than expected for the April-May period. The industry is 6,400 employees above the year earlier figures.

SALEM-- (Special) ---The Employment Division Rural Manpower report stated here today that crop harvest is under way but progressing slowly due to cool weather.

The strawberry harvest in the Willamette Valley is under way, and the Hood River harvest is starting. Gresham expects a slight shortage of pickers by June 25, with no housing. Corvallis expects a shortage of 150 pickers by June 28, no hous-



JUNE WAS A BUSY MONTH for members of the Junior Rose Festival Court, who still managed time out to visit Emanuel Hospital, where Princess Kerry Wain (right) introduced her mother, Mrs. Henry Wah, who is secretary to Emanuel Senior Vice President Oscar Gustafson Jr. Among court members, above, from left, are Sally McCoy and Darla Jones, kneeling; Queen Rachelle Risk, standing, at left; Brenda Currie and Kerry. Junior royalty is getting acquainted with pediatric patient Jonachua Chetlain, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Chetlain, Beaverton; girls also trooped cheerfully into Emanuel's famous Teenage Department, singing a chorus of the official Junior Court "how do you do?" song as they went.

ing available. All other areas report adequate help. Picking flat or 5¢ to 6¢ per pound. The cherry harvest at The Dalles reports a slight shortage of experienced pickers, no housing available, with picking price at 5¢ per pound, Milton--Free water has completed 10% of their crop with adequate help, 5¢ to 6¢ per pound. The Salem area will start picking June 25 to 30 and expects a shortage of 1,000 pickers by July 5. Picking price will be \$1.50 per 30 lb. lug, with limited housing.

The pea harvest at Milton--Freewater and Pendleton is continuing with adequate labor. The hay harvest is continuing in Ontario, Pendleton and Salem with adequate labor available. Starts June 28 at Klamath Falls with adequate help. The Madras area will start July 1 with a slight shortage of help anticipated, only commercial housing available. Call the nearest office of the Employment Division for more information on harvest activities.

F.O.R. conference

The Annual Conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation (F. O. R.) will be held at the Seabeck conference grounds on Hood Canal, Washington, Friday July 2 to Monday, July 5. The theme of this year's conference is "Revolution and Renewal." Speakers include: Don Luce, who spent nine years in Vietnam as the director of International Voluntary Services, until he resigned in protest of U.S. policy. Luce, who made public the infamous "Tiger cages" in South Vietnam until last month when he was banished by them. Ron Young is youth director for F. O. R.; Dr. Usha Mahajani, from India, is a specialist on

Southeast Asian affairs and Professor of Political Science at Central Washington State college; Dr. Mulford Sibley, who is a Quaker and pacifist, is Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota and is an author and editor. The conference starts on Friday at 6:30 with dinner, followed by a multi-media presentation, "Earth 1971 - The Way It Is," by Rod Booth, Director of Communications, British Columbia Conference of the United Church of Canada. Families are invited to attend as there is something for everyone. Camp space and lodge rooms and meals are available. For information call Eric L. Robinson, 281-8588 or 223-3106.



Charles Ganter (left) New President of the Albina Lions Club with Portland Trailblazer Ron Knight (center) and Isadore Maney. A noon Luncheon Friday June 18, was held at Geneva's for outgoing President of the Albina Lions Club George Rankins. Ron Knight of the Portland Trailblazers was Guest Speaker.

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B.B. King barred from stage

The Indiana, Miss. seed was not permitted to grow in the unsettled audience ground at the Forum last Saturday night, due to a mixup of ethnic proportions reports declare.

King had been booked as the first - on attraction with white hippie musician Lee Michaels as star of the show. Many white acts today book black acts as

part of their shows--only if the black act, however popular, goes on first and warms up the crowd.

Saturday night King was late, and star Michaels had to go on first. When King arrived Michaels' manager refused to let B.B. King follow him.

And thereby hangs the tale of the B. B. King Forum Shutout.

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