

Government Expands Machinery To Enforce New Wage-Hour Law

Washington—(U.P.)—The government is expanding its wage-hour law enforcement machinery to handle the extra headaches expected when the federal minimum wage goes from 75 cents to \$1 an hour on Mar. 1.

Administrator Newell Brown told the United Press the agency is opening 27 new permanent field offices and adding 325 men to its field investigating staffs. This will bring the number of offices to 68 and the staff to 800 men.

He said the expansion is intended to assure that there will be no willful evasion of the new minimum Congress voted last year.

Main Job Education

His staff's main job, he said, will be to "educate" employers and employees alike on provisions of the act and how it affects them. The program, already underway, includes spot TV and radio announcements for use by local stations.

The wage-hour law applies to some 24,000,000 workers engaged in or closely allied with interstate commerce. They now receive some \$81,000,000 a year in wages and the 25-cent hike in minimums is expected to increase the total by \$560,000,000 or some 0.7 per cent.

South Increase Greatest

Brown said the increase will have the greatest impact in the south and his staff expansion will be proportionately greater there.

The labor department estimates that about one out of every four factory workers in the south earns less than \$1-an-hour. The ratio is one out of 12½ in the northeast, one out of 25 in the midwest, and one out of 58½ in the Far West.

Southern sawmills will feel the increase the most. Eighty per cent of their workers earn less than \$1. Other southern industries affected will be textiles, work clothing, men's and boys' shirts, jute goods, leather, cigar-making, structural clay products and padding and upholstery filling.

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Nation Now Expected To Get By Without Flu Epidemic This Winter

Washington—(U.P.)—There's a pretty good chance now that the nation will get by without a major flu epidemic this winter.

Nothing certain, of course. But

authorities said today that if the virus doesn't flare up in the next few weeks it isn't likely to do much damage at all.

This is frankly surprising. The

experts had been expecting a real hard siege because influenza has a habit of breaking out every two or three years. And it's been three years now since the last epidemic.

Some in Iowa

Dr. C. C. Dauer of the U. S. Public Health Service said there has been isolation of influenza A virus in Iowa and a probably one in New York.

"But these isolations have not

been accompanied by widespread severe respiratory illness," he said. "So far there apparently has been little virus activity."

Dauer explained that influenza A, the severe form of flu, usually strikes between October and March, if it strikes at all. After March, warm weather seems to put a check on the virus' activity.

Just why the virus hasn't acted up this winter is a mystery to the experts. But they say it may crop up again in the fall.

The last big epidemic in this

country was in the winter of 1952-53 when thousands of people, over large areas of the country, were laid low. There was no influenza in 1953-54. But during the winter a year ago there were localized outbreaks of influenza B, a similar but milder disease.

Influenza A can cause plenty of trouble. It usually starts with a sore throat and a fever and ends by sending a person to bed for days in complete misery.



SOUTHERN STYLE—President Eisenhower and Treasury Secy. George Humphrey drive off through the Piney Woods of South Georgia bent on a full day of quail hunting. The President has been a vacation guest of Secy. Humphrey on his plantation at Thomasville, Ga.

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Back Stairs: Travel Crew in Brief Rest

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—Backstairs at the White House: President Eisenhower's travel crew is home for the second term announcement and some clean clothes. Then off again in the near future for Gettysburg and back to Georgia in April for his spring pilgrimage to the Augusta National Golf Club.

If President Eisenhower is such a sure thing for a second term race, why were some of the top Republican Senators telephoning newspaper reporters in Thomasville last week, beseech-

ing them for clues to the President's ultimate decision?

Mr. Eisenhower left South Georgia with one regret. He didn't find time to go fishing. At a pond close to Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey's place, a member of the White House party landed a four and a half pound bass last week.

The President chose to devote most of his time to golf, bridge and hunting for quail and turkey.

Mrs. Eisenhower delighted the Thomasville merchants by going shopping one day last week with Mrs. Humphrey. The President's

wife selected 10 summer dresses from one store.

Mrs. Ike took the dresses on approval to try them on in the privacy of her cottage at the Humphrey plantation. If she did not care for some of the dresses, the store was more than willing to take them back.

The White House staff should be a much more relaxed group of people when the President finally makes his announcement about running again. The tension among the staff has been noticeably high in recent days.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty seems close to the end of his patience in dealing with the constant, almost hourly efforts of reporters to pry out Mr. Eisenhower's secret before he is ready to disclose it.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Firm But Polite Stand Needed With In-Laws

People who like to run other people's lives and, meddle in their affairs are not easily



Dr. Hurlock

stopped, no matter what means are used. That is what I tried to explain to the woman who wrote:

(Q) "You usually do pretty well at running other people's lives but the other day, you certainly gave that poor devil who wrote you about his meddling mother-in-law some pretty lousy advice. I have had 20 years with a mother-in-law and I know what they can do to a marriage even if it is made in heaven. I have had plenty of experience with meddling, and I know it is impossible to take a firm stand, as you suggested. The past 20 years have taught me the only way you can win is to put your foot down the very first time a mother-in-law butts in. I was too polite to argue so, for 20 years, I've suffered. When I look back, it is easy to see what a fool I was. I hope you will advise young people to take a stand before it is too late."—C.W.

(A) I do not agree that the only way you can handle a person who tries to interfere with your affairs is to put down your foot at the very first. Also, I do not agree the advice I gave was "lousy." What fits one problem may not fit another.

Some people get along better with others when they use one set of tactics and some handle problems better with another. Just because the advice I gave someone else would not have worked in your case does not mean it would not work in other cases.

Agrees With Stand

I do agree with you, however, in the stand that you take regarding interference from in-laws. But you can be polite and firm at the same time. You do not have to get into arguments and say things that will hurt people or cause family friction.

When in-laws try to interfere, the best approach is to listen to what they have to say, as sometimes their advice, based on greater experience, is well worth considering. Then, if it is apparent their advice or suggestions will not fit this particular case, you can politely say so, change the subject, and avoid all arguments.

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