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HANDBOOK OF FEDERAL LABOR LEGISLATION. Part I: Labor Standards on Government Contract Work and Work Financed by the United States, by Elsie Gluck. United States Department of Labor, Division of Labor Standards, Bulletin No. 39. 85 p. 1941. For sale by Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., price 35¢.

As the title indicates, this bulletin deals with statutory labor standards effecting federal work contracts and other projects financed in whole or part by the United States. The standards are made effective either as express or implied terms of the contracts, or as conditions to loans, grants-in-aid, or subsidies.

The bulletin consists of twenty-one sections, and discusses the labor standards provisions in the following situations: The eight-hour day law, prevailing wage law (Davis-Bacon Act), anti-kick back law, workmen's compensation, safety and accident prevention, citizenship requirements on American vessels, government contracts for supplies, bituminous coal act of 1937, leases of government mineral land, the Merchant Marine Act, federally-aided road construction and contracts, the emergency public works program, federally-aided housing projects and rental housing projects insured by F. H. A., projects aided by the R. E. A. and the F. S. A., the Sugar act of 1937, and the emergency relief, N. Y. A. and C. C. C. programs.

The purpose of this publication was primarily to inform workers and union representatives of the rights these laws grant to labor. With that view, the writer summarized the important provisions of each of the above topics, clearly and without unnecessary detail, setting out the work and workers covered by the act, the agency charged with its administration, the remedies provided, and the proper steps to take in securing their benefits (*i.e.*, what to include in a petition, where to file it, what administrative agency to consult, etc.). The penalties

imposed on employers for violating the labor standards acts are also summarized. Although no cases or administrative decisions are cited, the appropriate United States Code sections for each topic are given, and sources where further information may be obtained are indicated.

Attorneys will find in this bulletin a handy, authoritative reference. The publication is issued in loose-leaf form to permit revisions and additions as new legislation and regulations are adopted.