The standard of living of the majority of the wage-earners of British Guiana is miserably low, as compared to most progressive countries. The present condition of low wages and high cost of living is responsible for many of his ills. In the sugar estates, he lives for the most part in dangerous, sordid and squalid circumstances which keep out the light, but let in the rain. Fear of insecurity that he and his family can anytime be kicked out of the sugar estate, dominates his soul and has made of him a cowed and servile individual. It would be far better that his wage was increased to allow him to live rent or own a house. In the city the very miserable pitiable dash out to factories, bakeries, tobacco, etc., workers and domestic servants force them to live crowded in backyards rooms and hovels. Guianese workers will show that large numbers of ten and more persons are huddled in one room.

Body and soul of the wage-earners cannot be expected to be kept together under the existing low wages of 40c to 7c and 9c per hour. It is to no wonder that he is always having some kind of fever, sores and pains. The famous estate hospital cure-them-quicks mixture and salts and all the quack patent medicines—if of any value whatsoever—will do no use if he is not receiving adequate amounts of all the necessary food values. Why is the tuberculosis rate so high in this country, especially among the lowest paid workers? Incidentally, advanced cases of tuberculosis in the working class man may require lung surgery by resection etc. cannot receive this treatment here. If he cannot afford to spend an enormous sum to go to Jamaica, he is left to die. Our government prefers to spend more so high in this country, especially among the lowest paid workers?

The Heller Committee for Research on Social Economics at the University of California found that it required about $6,000 per week to provide for "the standard; health, decency and moral well-being for a man, wife and two children". Senator Claude Pepper introduced a resolution in the U. S. Congress to make 65c per hour the minimum wage, saying that any other figure would be "substandard". Anyone who is familiar with the United States will agree that the cost of living here is not very much lower. Why then the tremendous difference in wages? The majority of Guianese workers cannot help but live sub-standard. Workers and wage-earners unite!

Make a concerted drive for a minimum wage law of at least 25c per hour. Write your Legislative Council President Roosevelt.

Wanted—A Minimum Wage Law

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Registration of Unemployed Women and Girls

Unemployed women and girls have been given an opportunity to register at a special Office of the Employment Exchange Service, at premises in the compound of the District Commissioner's Office, Kingston, as from Wednesday, June 19.

At present, the office will be opened on the afternoon of Wednesday of each week between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Registration will be by age groups and women in the 21-25 years group must call for registration on June 19, 16-20 years on June 29, 20-30 on July 3, and over 30 years on July 10.

DIRECTIONS

Persons who register are asked their name, age, address and what kind of work they had been doing, what kind of work they would like to secure the name of their previous employer and length of service and whether they would take a job if it means living away from home. The answers to these and other questions are carefully kept in a register for the benefit of unemployed workers who want work and employers who want workers.

Each person who registers is given a card and must report regularly at the exchange.

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Monday, 27th May, 2.00 p.m.

Monday, 10th June, 2 p.m.

Monday, 24th June, 2 p.m.

Monday, 8th July, 2 p.m.

Monday, 22nd July, 2.00 p.m.

POMEROON

Leaves Georgetown

Sunday, 13th May, 9 p.m.

Monday, 3rd June, 9 p.m.

Monday, 17th June, 9 p.m.

Monday, 1st July, 9 p.m.

Monday, 15th July, 9 p.m.

Monday, 29th July, 9 p.m.

Ice and Perishable cargo will be received at the Georgetown Steamer Stelling on Sunday, 14th April, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

R. V. TEARE, Lieut. Col., General Manager.

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Transport and Harbours Department, Georgetown, 19th May, 1946.