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MEMORANDUM

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The Department of Labor, in its relations with the territories of Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico on labor matters, treats these territories in the same manner as States. In each of these territories, there is a Territorial Representative of the Department of Labor who reports to ~~Assistant Secretary Kaiser of~~ the Office of International Labor Affairs. Field offices or representatives are maintained by the Wages & Hours and Public Contracts Divisions of the ^{U.S.} Department of Labor in all three territories and by the Bureau of Apprenticeship in Alaska and Hawaii. These are the only people and the only activities concerned with labor in the territories that are financed by Federal funds. The main function of the Territorial Representatives, the field offices and representatives is to cooperate with and assist the territorial Departments of Labor and to coordinate the activities of the Federal and territorial Departments of Labor.

Within each territory, as part of the territorial government, financed by the territorial legislature and staffed, if possible (that is, if indigenous people with necessary qualifications can be found), exclusively by territorial inhabitants, ^{is a Department of Labor} these territorial Departments of Labor are organized along lines and furnish information and services almost identical with that of the U. S. Department of Labor. The various bureaus and divisions of these territorial Departments of Labor include:

- Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Division of Industrial Safety
- Employment Service
- Wages & Hours (Labor Law Enforcement)
- Workmen's Compensation
- Unemployment Compensation
- Women's & Children Bureau
- Mediation & Conciliation Service
- and a legal division.

The Department of Labor of Puerto Rico also includes a Bureau of Publications and Workers Education, which has done considerable work through its publications, the use of radio and lectures in bringing labor and its problems to the public. In Puerto Rico, the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of Labor and all the Bureau and Division heads are native Puerto Ricans.

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Any training and education in trade unionism in these territories is done either by the territorial Departments of labor or by the trade unions themselves. Both the AFL and CIO have affiliates and locals in all three territories and trade unionism is for all intents and purposes identical with that in the United States. Of interest, is the fact that the United States has utilized the services and experience of indigenous personnel of these territories at times at International Conferences dealing with labor.