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Cyrus S. Ching, Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, late today named a special mediation panel to conduct collective bargaining conferences in a further effort to work out a settlement of the dispute between the Textile Workers Union, CIO and a number of Southern Textile mills which have been involved in a work stoppage since April 1, 1951.

Mr. Ching stressed in his announcement that this panel will not function as an arbitration board nor as a fact-finding panel; that its duties and responsibilities will be limited strictly to the usual mediation procedures of the Service.

The panel members are: Francis O. Clarkson, civic leader and attorney, Charlotte, North Carolina, chairman; Taylor R. Durham, Secretary, Southern Hosiery Manufacturers Association, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Ray C. Nixon, Southern Regional Director, United Rubber Workers Union, C. I. O., Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Ching also announced that Commissioner D. Yates Heafner, Charlotte, North Carolina, will serve as Executive Assistant to the Panel. The Panel will meet with Director Ching, Commissioner Heafner and other officials of the Service in Washington at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, 1951, for organization purposes. The schedule of conferences to be conducted by the Panel will be arranged by the Panel with representatives of the Union and representatives of the various mills at such times and places as are mutually agreeable to the parties and the Panel.