

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

THIRD DIVISION

Award Number **20328**
Docket Number MS-20445

Frederick R. Blackwell, Referee

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PARTIES TO DISPUTE: (

(Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: This is to **serve** notice, as required by the rules of the National Railroad Adjustment Board, of my intention to file an **ex parte** submission on November 8, 1973, covering an unadjusted dispute between me and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company involving the question of whether I should be restored to my job as store keeper, which job I had previously been guaranteed.

OPINION OF BOARD: The herein claim was the subject of direct conversations and phone talks **between** the Claimant and various Carrier and Organization officials; however, the claim was never submitted in writing to any Carrier official prior to the filing of **Ex Parte Submissions** with this Board. Such handling on the property self-evidently does not meet the requirements of **Rule 45** of the Agreement under which all claims or grievances "must be presented in writing" and all appeals of denied claims must also be "in writing". On **these** facts, and the whole record, it is clear that the claim as submitted to the Board has not been presented and progressed on the property in accordance with the requirements of Section 3 First **(1)** of the Railway Labor Act, Circular No. 1 of the National Railroad Adjustment Board, and **Rule 45** of the applicable Agreement.

In **view** of the foregoing the Board has no alternative but to **dismiss** the claim.

FINDINGS: **The** Third Division of the Adjustment Board, upon the whole record and all the evidence, finds and holds:

That the parties waived oral hearing;

That the Carrier and the **Employees** involved in this dispute are respectively **Carrier** and **Employees** within the meaning of the Railway Labor Act, as approved June 21, 1934;

That this Division of the Adjustment Board has jurisdiction **over** the dispute involved herein; and

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That the claim must be dismissed.

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Claim dismissed.

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By Order of Third Division

ATTEST: *AW. Paulose*
Executive Secretary

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 31st day of **July**, 1974.