NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

THIRD DIVISION

Award Number 21831
Docket Number MV-21896

Herbert L. Marx, Jr., Referee

(Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes

PARTIES TO **DISTUTE:**

(Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company

STATEMENT OF CIAIM: Claim of the System Committee of the Brotherhood that:

- (1) The dismissal of Track Repairman K.S. Morse by letter dated July 3, 1975 but banded to the claimant upon his reporting for work on Monday July 7, 1975 was without just and sufficient cause and on the basis of unproven charges (System File 1-12 (139)/D-106136; E-306-18).
- (2) The Claimant shall be reinstated to service with seniority rights unimpaired and he shall be allowed pay for the same **amount** of **straight**time **and** overtime hours worked by the **gang** to which he was assigned, **begin**ning with July 7, 1975 end continuing **until** date of his restoration to service.

OPINION OF BWRD: From our review of the record it is clear that claimant was in violation of Carrier's Rule "G", which reeds:

"G. The use of intoxicants or narcotics by employes subject to duty, or their possession or use while on duty, is prohibited, and will subject the offender to dismissal."

Under the circwnstances, however, permanent dismissal was excessive. Accordingly, we will **award** that **claimant** be restored to service with seniority and other rights unimpaired, but without pay for tine lost while out of service.

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 **Employes** involved in this dispute are respectively Carrier end **Employes** 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

That the discipline imposed was excessive.

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By Order of Third Division

ATTEST: CW. Paules

Executive Secretary

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 6th day of January 1978.

