

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

THIRD DIVISION

Award Number 24139
Docket Number SG-24038

Joseph A. Sickles, Referee

PARTIES TO DISPUTE: (Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen
(Missouri Pacific Railroad Company

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: "Claims of the General Committee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen on the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company on behalf of the following employees for the difference in price between a single room and one-half the price of a double room:

Claim No. 1 - Carrier file K 225-788

W. L. Ratt, Jr., D. B. Fulton, D. R. Merrill and W. T. Dee, \$7.14 each for the nights of July 5 and 6, 1978.

Claim No. 2 - Carrier file K 225-798

J. H. Clark, \$60.52; H. T. Thatcher, \$65.84; R. D. Gatewood, \$49.97, for the month of July 1978.

Claim No. 3 - Carrier file K 225-824

R. H. Whittenborn and W. A. Bueker, \$16.98 each for the nights of September 4, 5 and 6, 1979.

Claim No. 4 - Carrier file K 225-825

B. L. Burgin and V. F. Smith, \$101.88 each, for the nights of August 1 through 8 and August 15 through 24, 1979.

Claim No. 5 - Carrier file K 225-842

G. W. Vaughn, \$64.64, October 31 through November 7, 1979.

Claim No. 6 - Carrier file K 225-843

R. H. Whittenborn, \$64.64, October 31 through November 7, 1979.

Claim No. 7 - Carrier file K 225-853

R. Moon, W. M. Cassey, \$32.28 each, April 1, 2, 3 and 9, 1980.

Claim No. 8 - Carrier file K 225-854

R. Bowman, L. Watson, \$24.96 each, April 1, 2 and 3, 1980."

OPINION OF BOARD: This claim seeks **reimbursement** for the cost of a **single-occupancy hotel room** when the **Employees** are required to work away from their headquarters.

The Rule in **question** specifies that the **Employees** will be allowed actual necessary expenses when away **from** headquarters if meals and lodgings are not provided by the railroad.

At page 5 of its submission to the Board, the **Organization** states that it had no reason to doubt the asserted past practice that **Employees** shared **rooms** on a **voluntary** basis.

X Regardless of our **own** particular **predelictions** concerning the sharing of a hotel **room**, we are faced with a Rule speaking in terms of necessary expenses and nothing has been presented to us **which** would warrant our finding a **"necessity"** for **individual rooms**. We feel **that** this is the type of **circumstance** that should be properly handled through negotiations rather than **in** the Arbitration process. We are unable to interpret the **Agreement** in the **manner** suggested by the **Organization**. In addition, we find **that** the Third Division Award No. 20619 is particularly material to this dispute and for **all** the reasons stated above we will deny 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

That the Agreement was not violated.

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Claim denied.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD
By Order of Third Division

Attest: Acting Executive Secretary
National Railroad Adjustment Board

By


Rosemarie Brasch - Administrative Assistant

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 27th day Of January 1983.

