THIRD DIVISION

John F. Cloney, Referee

(Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen

PARTIES TO DISPUTE:

(Consolidated Rail Corporation

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: 'Claim of the General Committee of **the** Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen **on** the Consolidated Rail Corporation:

System Docket 1617

Appeal on behalf of Maintainer-Test W. C. Wayne, who was suspended 30 days by notice dated February 6, 1981, for allegedly assuming an attitude of sleep while on duty January 30, 1981.

OPINION OF BOARD:

Claimant, who was charged with "Assuming an attitude of sleep while on duty . . . " testified at the investigation that he was sitting sideways in a swivel chair with his shoes off and his foot curled under him, in the dark when Division Engineer Olvens entered the office at 6:20 A.M. No other employes were on duty except for a Tower Operator who was upstairs.

As a result of the investigation Claimant was suspended for thirty days, a penalty which in view of the evidence this Board will not disturb.

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 and **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 Agreement was not violated.

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Claim denied.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT **BOARD**By Order of Third Division

ATTEST:

Nancy J. Pever - Executive Secretary

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 4th day of October 1984.