NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD

THIRD DIVISION

Award Number 21875 Docket Number SG-21300

Nicholas H. Zumas, Referee

PARTIES TO DISPUTE:

(Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen

(Robert W. Blanchette, Richard C. Bond (and John H. McArthur, Trustees of the (Property of Penn Central Transportation

Company, Debtor

STATEMENT OF CLAIM:

Claim of the General Committee of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen on the former Pennsylvania

Railroad Company:

System Docket 1039 Eastern Region - Harrisburg Division

Appeal - To reinstate R. E. Evertts, in proper order, to the Class of Assistant Foreman.

Reason - R. E. Evertts was omitted from the Class of
Assistant Foreman on grounds that he did not bid
on two recent bulletins advertising positions of
Assistant Foreman, while he was inactive in that
class.

Claim - According to Article 4, Section 9(a) of the current C&S Agreement, an employee reduced in class when force reductions are made, must accept return to service in seniority order, in an advertised position or permanent vacancy in the class from which reduced, only when no bids have been received from qualified employees for such position or vacancy.

Since in each case of afore mentioned advertisements, bids were received from qualified employees with numbers in the Assistant Foreman Class, R. E. Evertts was not compelled to bid on these positions to maintain his number in the class of Assistant Foreman.

OPINION OF BOARD: It is clear from this record that Claimant refused to accept an assignment to the Assistant Foreman position at Downington and his name was properly removed from the Assistant Foreman roster in accordance with Section 9(a) of Article 4 of the Agreement.

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.

AWARD

Claim denied.

NATIONAL RAILROAD ADJUSTMENT BOARD By Order of Third Division

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Executive Secretary

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Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 31st day of January 1978.