

SPECIAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NO. 605

PARTIES)
TO THE) Transportation-Communications International
DISPUTE) Union
) and
)
) Belt Railway Company of Chicago

QUESTIONS AT ISSUE:

1. Did Carrier incorrectly calculate the "Decline in Business Formula" as provided for in the February 7, 1965 Agreement as amended September 9, 1982, on and after the month of March 1988?
2. If the answer to Question No. 1 is in the affirmative, shall the Carrier now recalculate said decline in business for March 1988 and months subsequent thereto and compensate those employees who were improperly furloughed and/or denied benefits in accordance with said Agreement?

OPINION OF
THE BOARD:

Except for two, the facts in this case are exactly the same as the facts underlying Award No. 487.

Instead of patrol employees, the Claimants herein are clerical workers and their claims began on March 1988, one month earlier than the claims filed by the class of police officers.

Neither factual distinction warrants an outcome different from the result we reached in Award No. 487. For the reasons more fully set forth in Award No. 487, we find that the Carrier properly applied the Article I, Section 2 decline in business formula.

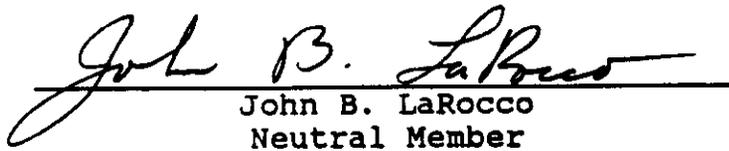
Inasmuch as we are denying this case on its merits, we need not address or consider the Carrier's argument that the claims

are procedurally defective because the Organization allegedly failed to conference some of the claims on the property.

AWARD

1. The Answer to the first Question at Issue is No.
2. The second Question at Issue is moot.

Dated: September 26, 1991


John B. LaRocco
Neutral Member