

PUBLIC LAW BOARD NO. 1582

PARTIES) ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY
TO)
DISPUTE) BROTHERHOOD OF MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES

STATEMENT OF CLAIM: Claim in behalf of former Trackman K. G. Ranes, Los Angeles Division, for reinstatement to his former position as trackman with seniority, vacation and all other rights unimpaired and compensation for wage loss beginning May 23, 1974 continuing forward until he is restored to service.


FINDINGS: This Public Law Board No. 1582 finds that the parties herein are Carrier and Employee within the meaning of the Railway Labor Act, as amended, and that this Board has jurisdiction.


In this dispute claimant was dismissed from the service of the Carrier for being absent from duty. The claimant was notified by registered mail of the formal investigation but did not attend.


Evidence was submitted that the claimant had been absent for a period of two months without authority and that at the close of the investigation claimant was dismissed from the service of the Carrier. The Organization contends that under the circumstances permanent dismissal was too severe.

The Board has examined the record and finds there was sufficient evidence for the Carrier to reach their decision. In view of the fact that the claimant was not interested enough to appear at the investigation there certainly is no reason to overrule the decision of the Carrier.

AWARD: Claim denied.


Preston J. Moore, Chairman


Organization Member


Carrier Member