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SPECIAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NO. 173

Award No. 2 Case No. 7

Parties to Dispute:

Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employes

Union Pacific Railroad Company

Statement of Claim:

"Claim of the System Committee of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station

Employes that

"(1) Carrier violated Article IV of the December 1941 Vacation Agreement when it required Albert Solomon to commence his vacation on May 30, 1955 and end it on June 10, 1955 in lieu of his choice of May 31, 1955 to June 13, 1955.

"(2) Carrier now compensate Albert Solomon an additional day's pay for May 30th and June 13, 1955."

Findings: The Board, upon the whole record and all the evidence, finds that:

The Carrier or Carriers and the Employee or Employees involved in this dispute are respectively Carrier and Employee within the meaning of the Railway Labor Act, as approved June 21, 1934.

The Board has jurisdiction over the dispute involved herein. The parties to said dispute were given due notice of hearing thereon.

Carrier's instructions to the effect that employees schedule full vacations to begin on the first day of their respective work weeks, was a reasonable requirement best suited to least disturb routine, and as such, was entirely consistent with the requirements of the service.

Accordingly, rejecting claimant's vacation selection of May 31 to June 13, 1955, and assigning him, in lieu thereof, a vacation period to extend from May 30 to June 10, 1955, was not violative of Article 4 of the December 17, 1941 Agreement.

Furthermore, the counting of the May 30 holiday as a vacation day is sanctioned, in this instance, by Section 3, Article I "Vacations", of the Agreement dated August 21, 1954. No additional vacation increment is due herein.

Award: Claim denied.

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/s/ Harold M. Gilden, Chairman

/s/ A. J. VanDercreek, Carrier Member

/s/ C. F. Bignall, Organization Member

Omaha, Nebraska December 26, 1957