

Affiliated  
Bodies Series  
Local Unions

# 289, Minneapolis, Minnesota,

1943

289

April  
16,  
19 43

Mr. Frank Tobin  
433 Bowen Building  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Excelsior Baking Company  
Bakery, Yeast, Tea & Coffee Drivers  
Union, Local No. 409  
Case No. 6-409

and  
National War Labor Board Trucking  
Commission decision dated April 3, 1943  
C-153 Order of Approval

Also  
Re: Excelsior Baking Company  
Bakery, Cracker, Tea & Yeast Drivers  
Union, Local No. 289  
Case No. 722-54. National War Labor  
Board Regional Office, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

The Toccie Baking Company, St. Paul, subsidiary company of Excelsior Baking Company, Minneapolis. Both companies in joint negotiations voluntarily agreed to a \$0.75 per week increase in the guaranteed wage scale in effect on January 15, 1943.

Applications for approval were filed on or about December 2, 1942. Case No. 6-409 was approved by the National War Labor Board Trucking Commission at Washington, D. C. (See C-153 Order of Approval dated April 3, 1943). However, Case No. 722-54 was disapproved by the National War Labor Board Regional Office at Chicago, Illinois.

Drivers employed by each of these companies perform identical work in both cities. Local No. 409 and Local No. 289 have had identical working agreements for the wholesale baking industry since 1937. We have always contended that the rate for retail drivers should be the same as wholesale drivers. You can readily see that we can have harmony in the Twin Cities. In order to accomplish this, our contracts must be identical in both cities for the transportation of bakery products.

Donald Steger of Minneapolis, representing Excelsior Baking Company as labor relations manager, filed a request with the War Labor Board requesting a re-consideration of the Chicago decision in the Case No. 722-54. I am sure you will have heard

Mr. Frank Tobin  
Page 2

from him by the time you receive this communication; the reasons being the same as outlined in the National War Labor Board Trucking Commission decision of April 3, 1943 T-153.

The total wage increase for the Excelsior drivers of Minneapolis like the St. Paul Tassie Drivers, does not exceed 15% increase since January 15, 1941. Therefore, we feel that the order issued in Case No. W22-84 should have been the same as that issued in Case No. 6-43.

We are hopeful that the Trucking Commission in Washington will be able to adjust this matter to the extent that we may maintain harmony in the Twin Cities.

Fraternally yours,

*Edw. C. Esboldt*

Edw. C. Esboldt  
Business Representative

BOB:EK

cc: Mr. Thomas  
Mr. Donald Steger  
Mr. Joe. O'Hara, Local No. 289