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OCTOBER 28, 1943

Mr. Daniel J. Tobin, General President
I. B. of T. C. W. & H. of A.
222 East Michigan St.
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have today forwarded to Mathew O. Tobriner in San Francisco, the correspondence recently received from you concerning the difficulty between the Associated Retail Cleaners and Dyers of California and our Local 256.

Mr. Tobriner is the attorney for our Highway Council and other organizations in San Francisco on a retainer. Immediately upon receiving his report, I will advise you.

Fraternally yours,

Dave Beck

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NOVEMBER 22, 1943

Mr. Daniel J. Tobin, General President
I. B. of T. C. A. & H. of A.
222 East Michigan St.
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir and Brother: Re: Local 256, San Francisco

I am enclosing a letter from Mathew Tobriner regarding a matter previously referred to this office by you. I requested him to make a careful investigation and properly instruct the local union so that their activities could in no manner be construed as interference with price structure or competition in restraint of trade.

I believe this will now take care of the situation but at the earliest possible opportunity I will have a talk with the representative of the local union.

Fraternally yours,

Dave Beck

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NOVEMBER 18, 1943

MR. DAVE BECK
552 Denny Way
Seattle, Washington

Dear Dave:

Following the instructions of your letter of November 10th, I have checked into the situation with regard to the Laundry & Cleaning Drivers Union, Local 256.

I am convinced that at the present time there is no violation of the anti-trust laws. Whatever allegations could be presented as to past activities, such as those described in the letter from Samuel Cerf, State President of the Associated Retail Cleaners & Dyers, etc., which you sent me, those contentions would relate to matters long since discarded.

In the first place such activities ended prior to 1939 and would not now afford a ground for prosecution. In the second place Cerf himself proposed and participated in all those activities. In the third place I am very doubtful as to whether anti-trust violations can occur in the Cleaning and Dyeing Industry since this is an intra-state industry which does not affect inter-state commerce.

My information is that at the present time there is no activity on the part of the Union which is designed to compel a shop to continue with one driver when it desires to change to a new driver.

Nor does the Union even authorize drivers to inform shop owners who are indebted to them that the Union forbids a change until the indebtedness is met.

Although I believe that such a procedure would not violate the anti-trust laws, I have instructed the Union not to follow it in order that there can be no possible question as to the Union's actions.

I shall watch this situation and keep it in mind.

Sincerely,

(Mat)

MATHEW O. TOBRINER

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