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December 12, 1941.

Mr. Daniel J. Tobin, General President,
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs,
Warehousemen & Helpers of America,
222 East Michigan Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: Coca Cola Company

Dear President Tobin:

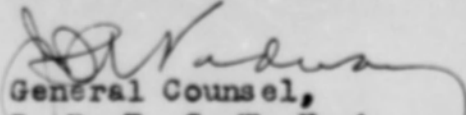
I know you will be interested in the enclosed letter from Thomas L. Parsonnet, the lawyer for Local #177, at Newark, New Jersey. It pertains to the Coca Cola Company case, concerning which I went to New York and conferred with Vice-President Cashal, Attorney Parsonnet and a group of others.

This letter indicates that which we suspected, namely, that the Brewery Workers never had an uncoerced majority when it obtained the first closed-shop contract. Therefore, the contract made with the Brewery Workers is illegal.

Since this matter has been brought pointedly to the attention of the Regional Board, and since it has reported to the National Labor Relations Board, I shall await the ruling of the Board as to whether it will set aside this contract, as it ought to do, and call for an election. As soon as I obtain the information, I will promptly communicate with you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,


General Counsel,
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JAP-ER

Newark, New Jersey.
December 11, 1941.

Hon. Joseph A. Padway,
736 Bowen Building,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Coca Cola Company

Dear Judge Padway:

In pursuance of the charges of unfair labor practice which I filed last week, a conference took place on Tuesday, December 9th attended only by Local 177 of the Teamsters and by the Brewery Workers Local representatives. The next day the employer representatives were called in.

We are informed that they frankly admitted that they had forced the employees of the Newark plant to join the Union and had informed their employees that they would be unable to work for the Company unless they signed for membership in the Union. This was in 1938.

They further admitted that this was done before any contract was signed and was part of a general plan to bring all of the Coca Cola plants into contract with the Brewery Workers International Union in the event that the first contract in Buffalo was successful.

When the Buffalo contract proved successful they proceeded to force their employees throughout this territory into the Union. They also admitted that they had permitted a large number of Union meetings to be held on the Company premises from the time of the signing of the original contract in 1938 down to date. We are also informed that the Field Examiner stated that he would make his report to the National Labor Relations Board in Washington for their decision.

I am writing for the purpose of keeping you advised of developments and also in the hope that you may be able in some way to discuss the matter with the Board members and urge action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) THOMAS L. PARSONNET.

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March 5th, 1948

To conform with the decision of the
General Executive Board of the International
Brotherhood of Teamsters of the transfers of men
from Local 804 to Local 177 in Essex County, New
Jersey, it is agreed upon by Local 804 and Local
177 that no 804 member employed prior to June 26,
1946 will be laid off prior to other employees.

Paul F. Link Pres
For Local 177

Joseph W. Jatrulla
For Local 804

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