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**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD  
OF  
TEAMSTERS·CHAUFFEURS WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS  
OF AMERICA**

AFFILIATED WITH THE  
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

1304 Keanan Building  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

September 13, 1946

Mr. Thomas E. Flynn  
222 East Michigan Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir and Brother:

With further reference to your letter of September 6 regarding the jurisdictional problems with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers of America, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from Patrick Gorman, Secretary-Treasurer, as well as my reply.

This is for your information.

Fraternally yours,

*Albert Dietrich*

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Mr. Albert Dietrich, Representative  
Teamsters International Union  
1304 Keenan Building  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Brother Dietrich:

I am in receipt of a letter from Thomas Flynn of your International Union in which he quotes an excerpt of a letter you wrote to him concerning the Pittsburgh situation. The excerpt concerns the failure of our Vice President Poole to be in Pittsburgh as per our Indianapolis understanding.

I informed Brother Flynn that Poole was now in New York City where we have successfully broken through and captured a CIO union in the retail field. I asked Brother Flynn to ask you to be patient until this matter is settled. I know you will be glad to do this.

I think it is needless for me to say to you, Brother Dietrich, that all organizations can, and should, get along with each other. There are so many that are still unorganized and with all groups being compelled to meet the lying propaganda of the CIO, much better results can be obtained through thorough cooperation.

Since our Indianapolis meeting, I have been advised that the few men in question at Pittsburgh are not actually warehousemen but workers who handle a few warehousemen but workers who handle a few warehouse items for a concern that is strictly retail in its nature. There is a feeling that with the granting of these few workers in question to the Teamsters' organization that it may be a first step toward your request for this type of workers who are employed in retail stores in Pittsburgh and who are now members of our Local #590 of which Frank Nolan is the very efficient secretary. After a conference with your International officials in Chicago a few weeks ago at which President Tobin was in attendance, I am sure that this is not your intention. I thought I should acquaint you with this phase of the situation and would appreciate hearing from you in connection with it.

I assure you that we shall fulfill our promise made at the Indianapolis conference and assuring you of our full cooperation with you that would be to our mutual interest, I am, with kind personal regards.

Fraternally yours,

Secretary Treasurer.

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1304 Keenan Building  
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September 10, 1946

Mr. Patrick E. Gorman, Secretary-Treasurer  
Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers of North America  
160 North LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brother Gorman:

I received your letter of September 5, 1946, and am in accord with you that all organized labor can and should get along with each other. I am also in accord with you that many people are still unorganized and better relations can be obtained through thorough cooperation and I am finally of the opinion that this can only be done through a definite understanding as to what our organizations' proper jurisdiction is. Each organizations' jurisdictional lines must be adhered to if the proper unity and cooperation is expected to be attained. We have endeavored at all times to work out a mutual understanding along these lines and if it can be done it will be beneficial to both organizations in this area.

The Butcher Workers raised many questions on jurisdiction and they have recently raised one with our Philadelphia Council over the chicken houses. We had a further request from the Butcher Workers to assist them in organizing retail store clerks in the hard coal region of Pennsylvania where they requested us to have our Union warehouseman refuse to send merchandise to non union stores of a chain company in order to help their organization.

We are only too glad to work hand in hand to bring about complete organization between our organizations if a definite understanding can be reached as to our jurisdictional line.

I am not in accord with what you say about the retail store in Pittsburgh. The main problem is one of jurisdiction and the jurisdictional lines of our organizations should be strictly adhered to.

Assuring you once again that it is our intention to cooperate with the representatives of the Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers Union to bring about complete organization in this area.

Faternally yours,

Albert Dietrich  
GENERAL ORGANIZER