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BEER AND SOFT DRINK, CITY SALES DRIVERS AND HELPERS

LOCAL UNION NO. 976



OF THE
International Brotherhood of
Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America

AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

1102 HARVARD

HOUSTON, TEXAS

March 27, 1942

CHAS. M. PENDERGAST
Sec'y-Treas. and Business Representative
OFFICE PHONE V. 2-6627

Mr. Thomas E. Flynn
Acting for General President
222 East Michigan Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sir and Brother:

I would like to report, at this time, that we have just finished negotiating and signing renewal contracts with the following beer companies in the City of Houston: Jax Beer Co., Falstaff Distributing Co., The Engel Co., South Texas Distributing Co. and the Texas Produce Co.

When we began negotiating several weeks ago, these companies formed a combine for the purpose of holding to last year's wage scale. However, with the assistance of Mr. Frank Frohl, in the second conference with them, we were able to break up the combine and negotiate separately. However, the largest company, which is the Falstaff Distributing Co., tried to hold out after the others had signed. After giving this company a reasonable length of time to sign the standard agreement the others had signed, a dead-line was set, and we were able to sign without any trouble with the assistance of Mr. Frank Frohl, who came in on the last day under the dead-line.

We are now attempting to swing over the balance of the beer drivers here in Houston who are still in the Brewery Workers, as we have the larger portion of the beer drivers and helpers in Houston and the Brewery Workers have the smaller portion.

I am enclosing for your files a copy of the beer agreement as above mentioned.

Fraternally yours,
Chas. M. Pendergast
Chas. M. Pendergast, Secretary-
Treasurer-Business Agent--976.

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April 3, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Fomergast, Secretary-Treasurer
Beer & Soft Drink, City Sales Drivers & Helpers
Local Union 976
1102 Harvard
Houston, Texas

Dear Sir and Brothers:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 27, 1942, to which was attached a copy of the agreement signed by your local union with the various breweries in your city, namely, Jax Beer Company, Halstaff Distributing Company, The Engel Company, South Texas Distributing Company and the Texas Produce Company.

I am happy to note that our Organizer, Frank Prohl, was very helpful in bringing about a settlement of this agreement.

With reference to your last paragraph, in which you advised that you are attempting to swing over the balance of the beer drivers, I desire to say that you no doubt are aware that a special convention is being called by the Brewery Workers for April 8, 1942, in Cincinnati, for the purpose of their ratifying the agreement between the two International Unions, which in substance, means the carrying out of the decision handed down by the American Federation of Labor in its convention.

I ask that you be very careful in disturbing anything in this situation at the present time, as we no doubt will advise you immediately after the convention is held whether the Brewery Workers have accepted the decision of the American Federation of Labor or not.

Fraternaly yours,

ACTING FOR GENERAL PRESIDENT

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