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December 12, 1935.

Thomas L. Hughes, General Secretary,
International Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union,
222 East Michigan Street,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I would like you to supply me with a resume of the activities of a teamsters' and truckmen's union in New York City in their attempt at unionizing Charcoal and Package Fuel Distributing Trade in the Metropolitan Area.

It so happens that in January, 1935, this union was carrying on a strike which was accompanied by considerable violence such as the beating up of drivers and the dumping over of trucks. The Code Authority for the above named Trade could not secure any enforcement of the labor provisions for their Code, and it was suggested that labor in the Trade be organized in order to secure labor compliance.

The responsible members of the Trade signed a temporary agreement with the union for six months which would be cancelled if the union was unsuccessful in organizing the recalcitrant members of the Trade. The Code Administration Member has made this statement: "So far as I was able to determine, this whole attempt was a miserable failure, since apparently the Union made no attempt whatever at obtaining other signatures to the agreement." I do not believe this is accurate and would like a complete statement of the union's attempt at organizing the Charcoal and Package Fuel Trade, if it is possible for you to get it for me.

Very truly yours,

Charles H. Pease
Charles H. Pease,
Labor Studies Section.

CHP/CVF

December 16, 1935.

Mr. Charles A. Pense,
Labor Studies Section,
National Recovery Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 12 to Secretary Lugal, in which you ask for a resume of the activities of a teamsters' and truckmen's union in New York City in their attempt at unionizing the Charcoal and Package Fuel Distributing Trade in the Metropolitan Area.

If you will send a letter to James Dawson, Secretary of Local Union #53 in New York City, he will be more able to give you the full particulars regarding this matter than we can here in this office.

Very truly yours,

Acting for Daniel J. Tobin,
General President

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