

July 21, 1943

Mr. Dexter L. Lewis, General Organizer
10 North Clark Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter received at this office, under date of July 15, 1943, addressed to President Tobin, from Boris Shishkin, a member of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice.

I have had previous letters and complaints regarding this case, which I have forwarded to Brother Hoffa at Detroit. As late as yesterday, I again had a communication from President Green regarding this matter, and I assured President Green that our organization practiced a policy of no discrimination because of race, color or creed.

My purpose in calling this matter to your attention is the statement contained in this letter (which I quote),

"In the complaint before the Committee it is claimed that there exists an agreement among the Locals of the Brotherhood in twelve states that no Negro truck drivers will be permitted in long-haul interstate operations."

If the Central States Area has taken this position, we know nothing about it in this office, and this would not be consistent with the policy of the International Union as I outlined it above.

I ask that you immediately take this up with the delegates there in session in Chicago and give me an answer at your earliest possible convenience.

Boris Shishkin

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With warmest regards,

Fraternally yours,

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CC: James R. Hoffa-Local 299

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GENERAL PRESIDENT