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APPS AND LCUS 2 JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES ARISE

Over the past couple of weeks, it appears that local management is changing jurisdictional assignments on a couple of machines, however details of the changes are in short supply. The first notification was a written notice informing the APWU of management's plan to begin using clerks on LCUS 2 as a way to try to offset the continuing grievance activity related to machinable parcels being worked by mailhandlers. A very vague plan was provided with a start date of December 4th, 2018. Since then, we have asked in meetings, sent requests for information, and inquired through e-mail about the specifics of this plan and it's almost comical to report that no one in management seems to know. That's correct. One day before the planned implementation of using clerks and mailhandlers together on the LCUS 2 machine, no one in management knows how many clerks will be used, specifically what they will be doing, how long they will be working the operation, whether this will actually stop the processing of machinable parcels in violation of the contract, etc.

In addition to the LCUS 2, changes are also apparently being made on the APPS machine. We have not been notified at all by management on the local or regional level, but have physically witnessed training taking place on the APPS that would have the effect of transferring SCYB work from clerks to mailhandlers. The complete lack of notice to APWU local and regional committees is a clear violation of the RI-399 agreement and a dispute will be filed challenging this plan.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING/OBSERVANCE FOR PRES. BUSH

Finally, we have received a number of questions regarding the National Day of Mourning for the late George H. W. Bush. As of this writing Postmaster General Megan Brennan has not announced if the USPS will be participating. If she decides that we are, then there is a national level sign-off that governs the specifics of who gets this leave and how and when it can be used if that day is other than the actual Day of Observance. More information will be shared as all of these topics play out in the near future.

In Solidarity,

Chuck Camp President