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LOCAL NO. 627, A. F. OF M.

MUSICIANS' BUILDING. INC. 1823 HIGHLAND AVE.

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REGISTERED

KANSAS CITY, MO.

May 26, 1932

Council of Men's Club Dr. M. C. Lewis, President Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of May 24th, with reference to the grievances of some of your Clubs, in connection with securing certain orchestras desired to play their parties.

It is the opinion of the officials of local #627, that the disgruntled club members do not wish to understand, or recognize the laws, rules and regulation of Local #627 even after such information was granted them.

For your club's information we beg to advise that the basic principal upon which all Unions are organized are: The greatest good for the greatest number. Therefore to abrogate our rules and regulation governing our members, to be exploited for commercial purposes by certain individuals, or clubs, would not be for the best interest of the membership of Local 627, nor would it meet the approval of the membership.

The officials of Local 627 are inclined to believe that the Council of clubs did not designedly attempt to malign the authorities of local 627, but that individual members, in their endeavor to induce other clubs to agree with them on the abrogation of the laws, rules, and regulation of Local 627, hit upon the plan to create suspicion against the procedure of the authorities of 627 in reference to the guidance of its members.

The communication contains assertions which creates the impression that the authorities

of local 627, have promiscuously changed its rules, and regulation for clubs only, these assertions are of biased opinion, and totally untrue. It is at this time and has been over a period of years, a law which provides that: "No members while filling a season, or steady engagement of two weeks or more, will be permitted to fill, contract, or play any incidental, or miscellaneous engagement in competition to other members of local 627, without permission of the President or Board of Directors of local #627.

Over a period of years the various Clubs of Kansas City has employed for their entertainments musical units of local 627 A.F. of M. M., which in return has given the clubs the best service obtainable, with pleasing results, notwithstanding the fact that local 627 has shown its appreciation to the various clubs with gratis services, and all other assistance possible, however since the present administration of the Council of Clubs, an effort has been made more than once to circumvent the laws, rules and regulation of local 627, local 627 feels that it is competent of maintaining its own autonomy without interference, always in mind that we are public servants, however local 627 can not, and will not agree with your statement that the success of local 627 depend on the Clubs. In consideration of the request to reduce wages of 627, we feel that the present scale of wages are not exorbitant, and would not agree to a further reduction of wages at this time.

As your communication (quotes). or referred to the man, or men who directs the "affairs of local 627, The President of local 627 therefore assumes the position as vested, to welcome an interview with the Council of Clubs, in any connection with matters of importance, or any situation involving the interest of the membership of local 627, our regular meeting of Board of Directors are each Tuesday at 11: a.m. A conference is deemed proper if your club hold a grievance, instead of an insignificant letter.

Trusting the above to be the desired information as per the intelligence of your communication I am,

Very truly, William Shaw

President local #627 A.F. of M. 1823 Highland Ave. City.

Attest: Earl M. Jefferson, Secretary,