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The above-entitled matter came on for further argument, pursuant to recess, at 10:15 a.m.

BEFORE:

- WARREN E. BURGER, Chief Justice
- HUGO L. BLACK, Associate Justice
- WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS, Associate Justice
- JOHN M. HARLAN, Associate Justice
- WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, JR., Associate Justice
- POTTER STEWART, Associate Justice
- BYRON R. WHITE, Associate Justice
- THURGOOD MARSHALL, Associate Justice

APPEARANCES:

(Same as heretofore noted.)

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER: We will now resume No. 768.

3 ARGUMENT OF KENNETH M. SCHWARTZ

4 ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT

5 MR. SCHWARTZ: Mr. Chief Justice and may it please
6 the Court:

7 In yesterday's session of the Court, there was some
8 question propounded to counsel for the petitioner by Mr.
9 Justice White. I would like to address myself, for a couple
10 of moments, to those questions and answers.

11 One of the questions propounded to counsel was
12 whether or not the remedies afforded the parties, under the
13 present posture of the law, was reciprocal. I can state that,
14 as it stands today, the parties to the collective bargaining
15 agreement do have -- there is no disparity between the parties.

16 All the Norris-LaGuardia Act does is prevent either
17 of the parties to get a judicial order against the other for
18 conduct that they may find is to be an alleged violation of the
19 Act. The Norris-LaGuardia Act does not prevent either party
20 from getting a judicial order in order to force or require the
21 other party to comply with a provision in their agreement,
22 affording an opportunity for a voluntary adjustment of their
23 proceedings.

24 Q I am not sure I track you on that.

25 A The Norris-LaGuardia simply prevents either of

1 the parties to the collective bargaining agreement to get a
2 judicial order from any court.

3 Q Prevents them?

4 A Prevents them to do that, yes. The only
5 exception is it does afford the parties an opportunity to go
6 to a court to compel arbitration, which is a matter set forth
7 between the parties, a voluntary method for them to adjust
8 their disputes.

9 Q But not to enforce the no-strike clause if it
10 is violated by the union.

11 A The no-strike clause in the contract ---

12 Q Does or does not the Norris-LaGuardia Act bar
13 any court from enjoining a strike in violation of the no-
14 strike clause while the arbitration goes on?

15 A It does bar federal courts from enjoining the
16 action, yes.

17 Q Why doesn't it bar the order to arbitrate.

18 A Why does it not? We have a situation ---

19 Q You are simply enforcing a term in the contract.

20 A You are enforcing a term in the contract, but
21 the parties have agreed upon a method of adjustment of their
22 disputes in their collective bargaining agreement. If you
23 had an injunction or a temporary restraining order prior to the
24 arbitration, you have taken away from the parties the rights
25 that they have agreed upon and bargained for in their collective

1 bargaining agreement.

2 They have bargained for -- and this Court said so
3 in the Steelworkers' trilogy -- they have bargained for the
4 expertise of an arbitrator. Both parties are permitted to go
5 to courts when they have an argument or a dispute under the
6 collective bargaining agreement.

7 It, in effect, takes away any of the powers the
8 arbitrator may have in settling that dispute.

9 Q Well, if they have agreed on an arbitrator to
10 settle the dispute, why does the union strike?

11 A The strike situation is no different than the
12 employer himself violating the contract by, say, discharging
13 some employees or by bringing in, as he did in this case, a
14 crew of non-bargaining unit people into a store to do bargain-
15 ing unit work. The union at that time, of course, could not
16 get an injunction to restrain them from doing that.

17 The irreparable injury that was referred to by coun-
18 sel, in regard to the strike activity of the union, is no
19 different than the irreparable injury, insofar as an indivi-
20 dual is discharged, is concerned. That individual, although
21 counsel says he can recover in damages, we say that in regard
22 to a strike. The company can respond in damages in regard
23 to an arbitrator finding it to be so.

24 The idea being that the parties have bargained for
25 a method of adjustment of their disputes. A strike may be

1 a violation of the collective bargaining agreement; it may
2 not, depending on what the strike is for. Contrary to that,
3 the employer can take action in regard to demotions, promotions,
4 subcontracting and all issues that the collective bargaining
5 agreement provides for, he can violate it.

6 Now the union certainly cannot come in -- because of
7 Norris-LaGuardia -- and get an injunction. And I am not
8 saying they should, because the union and employer have
9 agreed upon a method of bargaining. In that bargain they have
10 said that we are going to have our disputes resolved by an
11 impartial arbitrator.

12 Q And in the contract the union has also said,
13 "We'll not strike."

14 A Well, the employer has said, for example, that
15 he will not discharge employees without just cause; he has
16 said he will not subcontract work; he has said, as he did in
17 this case, that he will not bring in others not parties to
18 the collective bargaining agreement and perform the work that
19 is supposed to be performed by the bargaining agreement. These
20 are alleged violations of the contract. Here the employer is
21 alleged to have violated the contract, and the employer says the
22 union has violated the contract, by violating the no-strike
23 clause.

24 Q Aren't both parties better off if, immediately
25 upon that occurring, the arbitration process is invoked?

1 A Why, yes. The parties ---

2 Q And the status quo remains as it is; you
3 preserve the status quo and go ahead to arbitrate whatever
4 issue it is, the union's issue or the employer's issue.

5 A You say, preserve the status quo, Mr. Chief
6 Justice?

7 Q Stay working and no lockout.

8 A Let's take a situation of a discharge. Are you
9 saying that the status quo is that the individual stays on
10 the job until the arbitration takes place?

11 Q The status quo is effectively preserved, is it
12 not, if he is guaranteed back pay?

13 A Oh no. Not a bit. Not any more so than it would
14 be in regard to the strike situation for the employer. You
15 say he recovers damages when he recovers back pay. That period
16 of time that that individual has to feed his family -- he has
17 to wait until the arbitrator's award comes out. What irreparable
18 injury he has cannot be determined by me. I don't know the
19 status of his economic position. Most of our people today have
20 credit up to their ears, and when they go ahead and don't get
21 paid, why then they have got problems.

22 What irreparable injury he may have, I don't know.
23 He may lose his house; he may not make his car payments, lose
24 his car. It is very difficult to say any more so than the
25 employer can recover in damages.

1 They make the allegation that their damages are not
2 sufficient, not adequate. They say the damages cannot be
3 satisfactory to them because there is irreparable injury. I
4 say the argument is the same on the other side of the fence,
5 but both the employer and union have bargained for this.

6 Both of them have bargained for the fact that they
7 will submit it to arbitration. They have not bargained that
8 they will go to court for it, and they know they couldn't.

9 The very fact of the matter is this: Both of the
10 parties here rely upon the expertise of the arbitrator. And
11 the reason they do so is because of the federal labor policy,
12 recognizing -- as this Court did in Lincoln Mills and the
13 Steelworkers' trilogy -- that it is a different type of field.
14 It is a type of field that courts do not have the expertise
15 that is required in order to resolve the matter.

16 Q What is the value of a no-strike clause in the
17 contract, if the no-strike clause permits a strike, on your
18 theory?

19 A I might point out to Mr. Chief Justice that
20 there may be strikes in a shop or in a store that may not
21 necessarily be a violation of a contract. For example, we have
22 those situations where employees may walk off the job because
23 of unsafe conditions. That would not be a violation of the
24 no-strike clause, and the Court has held so. We have situations
25 where there may be an unfair labor practice ---

1 Q We don't have that here though, do we?

2 A No; I am responding to the question you asked
3 about the strike situation. But we do have these things that
4 we have to take into consideration.

5 There is always an allegation that it is a violation
6 of a contract. If the employer brings in people to do work,
7 to subcontract work, which is to be performed by bargaining
8 unit people, that is an erosion of the contract. And it
9 has the same effect in regard to irreparable injury as we have
10 on the other side of the fence in regard to the employer.

11 I simply say to this Court that there is a remedy.
12 To say there isn't a remedy isn't so, because in Section 301(b)
13 expressly states -- that Section 301 provides for a lawsuit
14 for damages to be given against the union.

15 Now, when counsel says he doesn't feel that that is
16 an adequate remedy, I can only say that a union, a labor
17 organization, is no different from any other institution. They
18 have to have a treasury the same way any other institution has.
19 If they run into a situation where the treasury is depleted,
20 they are pretty much out of business.

21 So that to say that it is not adequate--- It may not
22 be satisfactory; it may not be totally satisfactory to the
23 employers, because the employers may like the idea of having
24 this injunctive relief. But that doesn't answer the question.
25 Because if the employers felt that way and if, based upon

1 the Sinclair decision, they felt that way strongly, from 1962
2 to the present time -- when this Court decided that the Sinclair
3 Case and Norris-LaGuardia was not repealed by Section 301, was
4 not intended by Congress to be repealed -- it seems to me it,
5 more or less, was a mandate to the parties believing that the
6 decision was wrong or that the law was wrong, whatever it may
7 be, that the party should have gone to Congress and should have
8 told Congress, "We feel that the Norris-LaGuardia should be
9 repealed."

10 It makes it very difficult for me to understand this,
11 because in the Sinclair Case and in the legislative history of
12 the Sinclair Case, we have the late Senator Taft -- who cer-
13 tainly was a man skilled in this field -- when he came out of
14 the caucus committee onto the Senate floor, he pointed out that
15 Section 301 did not prohibit all strikes. He pointed out that
16 Section 301 did not repeal the Norris-LaGuardia Act. He
17 specifically said that the only two types of strike activities
18 that would be illegal would be the secondary boycott strike
19 and the jurisdictional strike.

20 Those two aspects and those two strike activities
21 were put in Section 301 of the Act, giving the National
22 Labor Relations Board, making it a mandatory injunction
23 on the Board to go ahead and take this action, not the private
24 litigants.

25 If you recall in the legislative history, in the

1 House bill, there was a provision to make Norris-LaGuardia
2 not applicable to Section 301 cases. It was after he came out
3 of the committee that Congressman Hartley, who also was a
4 co-author of the bill, pointed out, specifically, that this
5 aspect of the Norris-LaGuardia Act was dropped in the conference
6 committee.

7 Now that, it appears to me -- and it was cited by
8 the majority opinion in this case -- if I were on the other
9 side, I would take that as a mandate to me to get to Congress
10 and have Congress change the law if they didn't feel it was
11 equitable.

12 Now nothing has happened from 1962 to the present
13 time. There has been no legislation in Congress in regard
14 to this. There is no judicial determination which award any
15 reconsideration to the Sinclair aspect.

16 I think it is very, very important that we realize --
17 When counsel was asked yesterday the question as to what the
18 status in regard to the business community was since Sinclair
19 was enacted, counsel pointed out that there has been very little
20 activity. As a matter of fact, in the brief of amicus curiae
21 AFL-CIO, they have a statistic from the U. S. Department of
22 Labor, where they show in 1961 -- which is prior to Sinclair --
23 there was 10.8 per cent of man idle hours due to strikes during
24 the term of a collective bargaining agreement, 1961.

1 In 1968, according to the same brief, they show
2 9.1 per cent of the man hours idle during the term of the col-
3 lective bargaining agreement.

4 This is not to say that because of Sinclair there was
5 a reduction, but I simply say that there was no real impact of
6 the Sinclair decision on the business community. Apparently,
7 from reading the briefs of amici and petitioner, it makes it
8 appear that there is some real reason for changing the posture
9 of the law.

10 So far as we can determine here, there doesn't seem
11 to be that reason. As a matter of fact, the parties in
12 collective bargaining agreements have, apparently, found that
13 this method of voluntary arbitration, picking arbitrators with
14 the expertise, is a desired way, along with the fact that the
15 federal labor law has recognized the fact that arbitration is
16 a matter for the experts in this particular field. Because we
17 run into all sorts of complexities in the contract. We run
18 into aspects of how many people are actually in the bargaining
19 unit; who should have overtime, who shouldn't have overtime; are
20 these breaches of the agreement?

21 As a matter of fact, even when we talk about a strike
22 or a lockout, the arbitrator may have to determine whether
23 that strike was, in fact, a breach of the collective bargaining
24 agreement. If we have a lockout, is it a question of a partial
25 lockout or a complete lockout? We sometimes think in terms

1 of a lockout meaning the entire plant is shut and nobody works.

2 Well, that isn't necessarily so.

3 Q Wouldn't it be helpful to the total of industrial
4 peace if, in case of a lockout in violation of the contract,
5 the union could go into the federal courts and get an injunction
6 against that lockout?

7 A If we would do that, Your Honor -- when you
8 say lockout, I assume that you are talking about partial lock-
9 outs as well as any other type of lockout; and I can mention
10 that to you very simply by pointing out the difference ---

11 Q All lockouts that are prohibited by the contract,
12 whatever they may be.

13 A Well, there we have again exactly what I was re-
14 ferring to, just your own comment Mr. Chief Justice where you
15 say in accordance to the contract whatever they are. This
16 Court has said that the person who can best determine whether
17 or not it is a violation of the contract is the arbitrator.

18 It is because he works in that field day and night.
19 He becomes the expert in the field. The courts have said time
20 and time again that the type of economy and the type of labor-
21 management relations requires some sort of expert.

22 Admittedly, this Court has said that the courts
23 do not have that expertise. So, it isn't ---

24 Q As I understand your argument, with respect to
25 damage suits under Section 301, which I understood you to

1 concede are permissible, so wouldn't any court be faced with
2 exactly the same sort of problems that you are telling us are
3 so impossible and inappropriate for court decisions? In a
4 damage suit you would have exactly the same kind of issue, whether
5 decided by a court and/or a jury, wouldn't you?

6 A That is true, but in all the cases, from Lincoln
7 Mills on through the Steelworkers' trilogy, this Court has
8 focused on making the distinction in talking about arbitrators
9 and putting the great weight upon the arbitrators' decision
10 as opposed to the courts. And they were talking in terms of
11 injunctive relief, primarily, when we go back to the fact
12 where the individual comes in with an allegation in the form
13 of an affidavit and asking for an ex parte order and making an
14 allegation that this is a breach of the collective bargaining
15 agreement, and that is the end of it.

16 Whereas, the actual fact of the matter is it may
17 require an arbitrator to decide. And the court doesn't really
18 have the time. If these cases were open to the court, there
19 would be no use for arbitrators anymore, because by the time
20 the parties come into court and get their injunctive relief,
21 there is really nothing for the arbitrator to decide. Because
22 we have found time and time again that where the injunctive
23 relief was issued by a court, there really wasn't any problem
24 for the arbitrator at that particular time.

25 Insofar as determining damages in a 301 suit, there

1 is no question that a court has to treat the evidence very
2 much the same as the arbitrator. But we are talking about
3 matters relating to the expertise of the arbitrator and deferr-
4 ing to arbitration as such.

5 This Court said from Lincoln Mills on down that they
6 defer to the arbitrators, and the Steelworkers' trilogy makes
7 it very clear.

8 Q What about deferring to the arbitrator disputes
9 over breach of the no-strike clause?

10 A That is fine.

11 Q Wouldn't that be covered by the normal arbitra-
12 tion clause.

13 A Yes, it is. This case has, incidentally, been
14 referred to arbitration.

15 Q If a union strikes, allegedly, in violation of
16 of a no-strike clause, it goes to the arbitrator.

17 A That is correct, sir.

18 Q Then what does the arbitrator do about it.

19 A The arbitrator can assess damages; he can do
20 anything.

21 Q So the courts don't get in it at all.

22 A That is right, except for the confirmation of
23 the order.

24 It seems to me that when the parties have agreed upon
25 a set scope of conduct, and they have agreed in the collective

1 bargaining agreement that any dispute, under the collective
2 bargaining agreement, goes to arbitration, that is exactly
3 what it means.

4 Now, if, in fact, the strike is a violation of the
5 collective bargaining agreement, the parties will, and did
6 in this case, make a motion to compel arbitration. That motion
7 was granted. Now, the fact of the matter is that is what we
8 bargained for. We did not bargain for any type of status quo
9 situation.

10 The Norris-LaGuardia Act makes it very clear that
11 Section 301, in the matter of collective bargaining in Section
12 301(b) speaks in terms of that. I am sure ---

13 Q What if a union strikes, and the issue goes
14 to the arbitrator; assume an arbitrator was available right
15 away ---

16 A That does happen, by the way, the longshoremen ---

17 Q But can the arbitrator issue an injunction?

18 A Arbitrator issue an injunction?

19 Q Can his award say, "Union go back to work."

20 A His award can say that, and if the union fails
21 to put his men back to work, the employer can go to the court
22 for confirmation of the order.

23 Q Do you agree that the Norris-LaGuardia does not
24 bar an injunction in forcing an arbitrator's award?

25 A I have conceded to that in my brief, sir.

1 Q What is the difference then?

2 A Oh, the difference is that in the arbitrator's
3 award the parties have bargained for the arbitration. The
4 parties, normally, in the arbitration clause provide for the
5 fact that the arbitrator's award shall be a final and binding
6 award. If, after they have gone through the procedure ---

7 Q I wasn't talking about the mechanics of it -- I
8 am familiar with the mechanics -- what is the difference in
9 principle?

10 A One is before the fact and one is after the fact.

11 Q Can the union go into district court and get
12 a directive, or whatever you might call it, to arbitrate?

13 A Certainly.

14 Q And the employer can do the same thing?

15 A Yes, sir, they have done it many times.

16 Q How do you distinguish the power to invoke the
17 authority of the federal court to compel one clause of the con-
18 tract but not another? It is a specific performance equitable
19 enforcement, isn't it, whenever you invoke it?

20 A Yes, sir.

21 Q What is the difference between a mandate for
22 specific performance of the no-strike clause and the mandate for
23 the specific performance of the arbitration clause? In
24 principle now, in legal principle.

25 A Let me see whether I understand it, Mr. Chief

1 Justice. What is the difference between the mandate ---

2 Q What is the difference in the power of a federal
3 court, sitting as a court of equity, to invoke the extraordinary
4 equitable remedy to command one or the other or both of the
5 parties to arbitrate and to command to fulfill some other
6 clause of the contract, specifically, by a specific performance
7 decree?

8 A In Section 301, of course, the federal courts
9 do have jurisdiction in the disputes between the parties in
10 the collective bargaining agreement. The parties have agreed
11 by contract to go to a forum in the arbitration voluntarily.
12 Parties have refused to do that.

13 The court actually can, and does, compel arbitration,
14 compel the parties to comply with the provisions of the
15 collective bargaining agreement, which says they have agreed
16 upon a form of adjustment, which is quite different from
17 enjoining the parties from doing something else.

18 The difference being, and as I thought I mentioned
19 previously, Norris-LaGuardia Act does not prevent the parties
20 from going to federal court to seek compliance with their
21 agreement to arbitrate. What it does prevent is the parties
22 going to federal court to have the federal courts, in effect,
23 require them to take certain conduct under their collective
24 bargaining agreement, comply with the conditions of that.

25 That is expressly set out in the Norris-LaGuardia Act

1 where it says that no federal district court can issue an
2 injunction against certain activities. This is not one of
3 those activities expressed in Norris-LaGuardia. So I think
4 there is a difference.

5 I think the federal court doesn't have the power
6 because of Norris-LaGuardia as opposed to what we find here in
7 Section 301 in regard to motions to compel arbitration. Does
8 that answer your question, Mr. Chief Justice?

9 Q Well, I have your analysis.

10 Q I presume you would say that, probably, that is
11 the way Congress intended it?

12 A This is the way I understand, and the way the
13 law and the way the courts ---

14 Q And it might be bad, but it was the act of a
15 Congress, which, at least in some fields, ought to be above
16 others.

17 A That is my position, Mr. Justice Black. That it
18 is just a matter of if there is going to be a change in the
19 statute, where the statute is clear and not ambiguous. It seems
20 to me that that change has to be performed by Congress and not
21 by judicial legislation.

22 I recognize the fact that this Court can change its
23 opinion in regard to cases. I recognize the fact that they are
24 not necessarily bound by prior decisions. But it is my feeling
25 that Sinclair was an expression by this Court not in regard to

1 a policy change of a matter left open by Congress. It seemed
2 to me that what the Court said in Sinclair that they are
3 deferring to Congress matters that had been clearly set forth
4 by the intent of Congress; that they are saying to the parties
5 that if -- if this has to be changed, then it may be an
6 inequity and may be changed. The place to get it is not in
7 the courtroom but to get it in Congress.

8 Congress has failed to act in this matter, and,
9 therefore, it seems there is no other answer but that, without
10 Congress acting, we must take the intent of Congress, apply
11 it to the law and say that is where we stand.

12 Q Except that this case involves, not Sinclair
13 directly, does it, but rather the situation that the Court dealt
14 with in the Avco Case?

15 A I don't believe so.

16 Q I understand that this was originally brought in
17 the state court and then moved to the federal court and that,
18 in the federal court, the order previously of the state court
19 was set aside. Am I mistaken about that?

20 A No, it was not. The federal court granted its
21 own injunction -- the federal district court -- and on the
22 appeal to the circuit court, the circuit court reversed on the
23 basis of Sinclair.

24 Q Well, I know the Court of Appeals did on the basis
25 of Sinclair, just as the Court of Appeals of the Sixth Circuit

1 had decided on the Avco Case on the basis of Sinclair. But in
2 this Court we left the question open with respect to a removed
3 case, did we not?

4 A That is correct, sir.

5 Q In, I think, the last footnote of the Court's
6 opinion.

7 A I think Footnote 4 is the reason we are here.

8 Q Yes; so it is not as though this had been all
9 decided in Sinclair.

10 A I think the principle is decided in Sinclair.

11 Q I know you submitted that it has been, but it is
12 not all that ironed our stare decisis. We, in fact, left the
13 question open with respect to removed cases in the Avco opinion,
14 didn't we?

15 A Well, the way I understand it, Mr. Justice
16 Stewart, in the Avco Case, all the Avco Case decided was a
17 matter of removal. When a case is removed from the state court
18 to a federal court, there is no remand. We had remand before.
19 And at that point it took care of the problem. All that did is
20 establish, in my opinion, a method of federal labor law. It
21 isn't a matter of forum shopping any more. Once you go into
22 state court and it is removed, you apply the federal labor law,
23 which you should have applied in the state as well. But because
24 Norris-LaGuardia did not speak to the states, we had a different
25 situation where the case has filed in the state as opposed to

1 the federal law.

2 But the principle can't be any different. If in
3 Sinclair, as this Court found, Congress expressly set forth
4 its intent, unambiguously, then Avco doesn't have anything
5 to do with it. The fact that the remedy may be different,
6 because this Court happened to see fit to find in Avco that
7 there would be no remand, it seems that, under those circum-
8 stances, the underlying principle in Sinclair is no different.
9 Because if the intent of Congress is so expressed that Congress
10 must do something to change the law, then I don't see where
11 Avco, as a matter of procedure, affects it at all. I never
12 did quite understand the footnote to Avco.

13 Q Well, really all Avco was that that was removable,
14 that was a removable case, period. That was the holding in
15 Avco.

16 A Yes, but I mean I didn't understand the impact
17 that Avco might have in regard to Sinclair other than the fact,
18 as we did here, we removed the case from state court to federal
19 court and ---

20 Q And it couldn't be remanded back to state court,
21 That is what Avco holds.

22 A And that is all Avco holds.

23 Q Beyond that, in the Avco Case, it so happened
24 the federal district court set aside the order previously granted
25 by the state court. It wasn't clear on the record why the

1 court had done so. The Court of Appeals of the Sixth Circuit,
2 as I remember, in the Avco Case held yes; it not only properly
3 did so but was required to do so by the Norris-LaGuardia Act.
4 And that is the question that the Court left open in deciding
5 the Avco Case here. Am I wrong about that?

6 A No, you are correct. As a matter of fact, when
7 counsel for the petitioner was arguing this case, it sounded
8 as if he was not concerned with Sinclair, but he is unhappy
9 with Avco. As a matter of fact, in his reply brief, it seems
10 to me that he is unhappy with the entire arbitration proceed-
11 ings, because, in citing this one case where we have talked about
12 the quickie arbitration, counsel points out that, while the
13 contract called for 72 hours and then a 12 hour decision, he
14 said, "Well, my God, it took 4 days for a hearing." Well,
15 how long would it take if he went to court? And then the
16 fact that there was a decision in December and the only way
17 they could have a decision in December was if the parties
18 agreed.

19 So I simply say, by pointing to that particular
20 case and saying that quickie arbitrations are not the
21 answer, I don't agree. Because in the long shot -- when you
22 have a dispute on the dock, you have a provision in that
23 contract where the arbitrator comes down to the dock right
24 there and he says, "Go back to work," and that is the end
25 of it. So there is an answer to these things. And people

1 with the expertise in labor and management can bargain for that.

2 I fail to see where the situation has changed from
3 1962 until today. As I mentioned previously, I can find no
4 legislative history, no legislative act -- incidentally, the
5 legislative history in 1962 is the same legislative history
6 we have today -- so under those circumstances it seems to me
7 that the Sinclair Case should not be reversible.

8 MR. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER: Thank you, Mr. Schwartz.

9 Mr. McLaughlin, you have about 3 minutes left.

10 REBUTTAL ARGUMENT OF JOSEPH M. MCLAUGHLIN

11 ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER

12 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chief Justice and may it please
13 the Court:

14 In the very brief time remaining to me, I would like
15 to make 2 or 3 points. First of all, with reference to the
16 statements and the contentions that have been made on account
17 of the failure of Congress to act following the decision of
18 this Court in Sinclair and, also, with respect to the idea that
19 Sinclair has some kind of a stare decisis impact.

20 I would like to direct the Court's attention to a
21 decision of this Court, which is not cited in any of the
22 briefs -- we didn't cover this point -- Halgreen vs. Heller (?).
23 This case is to be found in 309 U. S. 106. The decision in the
24 case was offered by Mr. Justice Frankfurter joined in by Mr.
25 Justice Black, Mr. Justice Douglas, Mr. Justice Stone, Mr.

1 Justice Reed and Mr. Justice Murphy.

2 On page 118 of the Official Reporter, if the Court
3 will indulge me, I would just like to read 3 or 4 sentences.
4 This case involved a situation where there had been 3 different
5 decisions of this Court with respect to a tax matter. The
6 Court was faced with the question as to whether it should
7 further proliferate these decisions or whether it should just
8 take the 3 decisions that had come on before and, in effect,
9 overturn them:

10 "Our real problem, therefore, is to determine whether
11 we are to adhere to a harmonizing principle in the construction
12 of 302(c) or whether we are to multiply gossamer distinctions
13 between the present cases and the 3 earlier cases."

14 Now skipping, Your Honor: "We recognize that stare
15 decisis embodies an important social policy; it represents an
16 element in continuity in law and is rooted in psychologic need
17 to satisfy reasonable expectations. But stare decisis is a
18 principle of policy and not a mechanical formula of adherence
19 to the latest decision, however recent, in question, where
20 such adherence involves collision with a prior doctrine more
21 embracing in its scope and principally sounder and verified by
22 experience."

23 Skipping now for one more sentence to what would be
24 page 121 of the Official Reporter: "This Court, unlike the
25 House of Lords, has from the beginning rejected the doctrine

1 of disability and self-correction. Whatever else may be said
2 about want of congressional action to modify by legislation
3 the result in the St. Louis Trust cases (inaudible) ... reasons
4 upon congressional approval of these distinctions," and then
5 the Court goes on.

6 Q What is the full citation? Could you give it
7 to us?

8 A Yes, Your Honor. It is to be found in the
9 Official Reporter at 309 U. S. 106.

10 Also, I would like to direct the Court's attention to
11 the decision of Girauard (?) vs. the United States 328 U. S.
12 61. The first case I cited, I believe, was a 1940 case. This
13 is a 1946 case. This involved a matter arising under the Immi-
14 gration Nationality Act. The opinion in that case was
15 written by Mr. Justice Douglas joined in by Mr. Justice Black,
16 Mr. Justice Hartley, Mr. Justice Rutledge and Mr. Justice
17 Burton.

18 One sentence from that case, if I might please:
19 "It is at best treacherous to find in congressional silence
20 alone the adoption of a law." Now I see that my time is up
21 and I can't make some of the other points I would like to make.

22 Suffice it to say that the only remedy that is going
23 to effectuate the policy of Section 301 is going to be the
24 availability of the injunction against the strike in breach of
25 contract. Thank you, Your Honors.

1 Oh, one thing, Your Honors, if I might; I apologize.
2 I would direct your attention with respect to this idea about
3 equality to section 2 on page 3 of our reply brief. We have
4 covered this so-called "imbalance" situation, and I would ask
5 you to read it with some care.

6 MR. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin.

7 We thank you, Mr. Schwartz. The case is submitted.

8 (Whereupon, at 10:49 o'clock a.m. the argument in
9 the above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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