STUDENT NOTES

HOT CARGO CLAUSES AS A DEFENSE TO UNION-INDUCED SECONDARY BOYCOTTS

As a general policy it has always been the traditional practice of American trade unions to render each other mutual aid and protection during strikes.\(^1\) Of the arsenal of means available to implement this general policy, possibly the most effective weapon of support has been the sympathy strike or secondary boycott based upon a refusal to patronize or handle unfair goods.\(^2\)

The classic unfair goods situation, resulting in a secondary boycott, often arose in this manner:

The employees of plant \(X\), having become embroiled in a labor dispute with their employer, would strike the plant. Materials produced by plant \(X\) would subsequently be received at plant \(Y\), a customer of \(X\). Under union inducement, the

\(^1\) Mills & Montgomery, Organized Labor 20-21 (1945).
\(^2\) Id. at 581.