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Parliament Receives Transportation Report

Canadian National Could Get New Deal

Equalization of Rates on National Basis and Co-ordination of Services Proposed by Commission

OTTAWA (CP)—Recommendation for equalizing freight rates across Canada and co-ordinating transportation under federal jurisdiction were before Parliament today in the report of a commission on transportation.

Prime Minister L. St. Laurent tabled the report this afternoon.

The 200,000-word document was prepared by a three-man commission after two years of investigation into transportation problems.

Major recommendation in the report is for a federal subsidy to help defray the cost of a rail link between east and west running through thinly-settled Northern Ontario. The estimated cost is \$7,000,000 per year.

A transport control plan, outlined as proposed new transportation policy, would bring together the railways, aviation, shipping and pipelines under a single controlling body. Three federal organizations now regulate these carriers.

The report also calls for the federal government assuming jurisdiction over interprovincial and international highway transport. The government claims it possesses this jurisdiction but has never tried to make use of it. Several provinces contest the field.

Rate equalization proposals are aimed at smoothing out differences between eastern and western rate levels which has been the cause of protest from the western provincial governments for many years.

The commission turned down a proposal from the Canadian Pacific Railway that the west's low statutory "Crow's Nest Pass" freight rates on grain and grain products should be removed from direct control of Parliament and be subject to increases like other rates.

The commission proposes a re-capitalization plan for scaling down top-heavy financial structure of the government-owned Canadian National Railways and reducing the annual fixed charges that leave it in a chronic deficit position.

Fixed interest rates on the government-held debt would be placed on a more flexible basis and the company would also be allowed to retain part of its annual earned surplus.

Truman Blames Russia Causing Rearmament

WEST, Florida (CP)—President Truman accused Russia Wednesday of forcing United States to help rearm the free world by its own aggression and "ruthless program of rearmament."

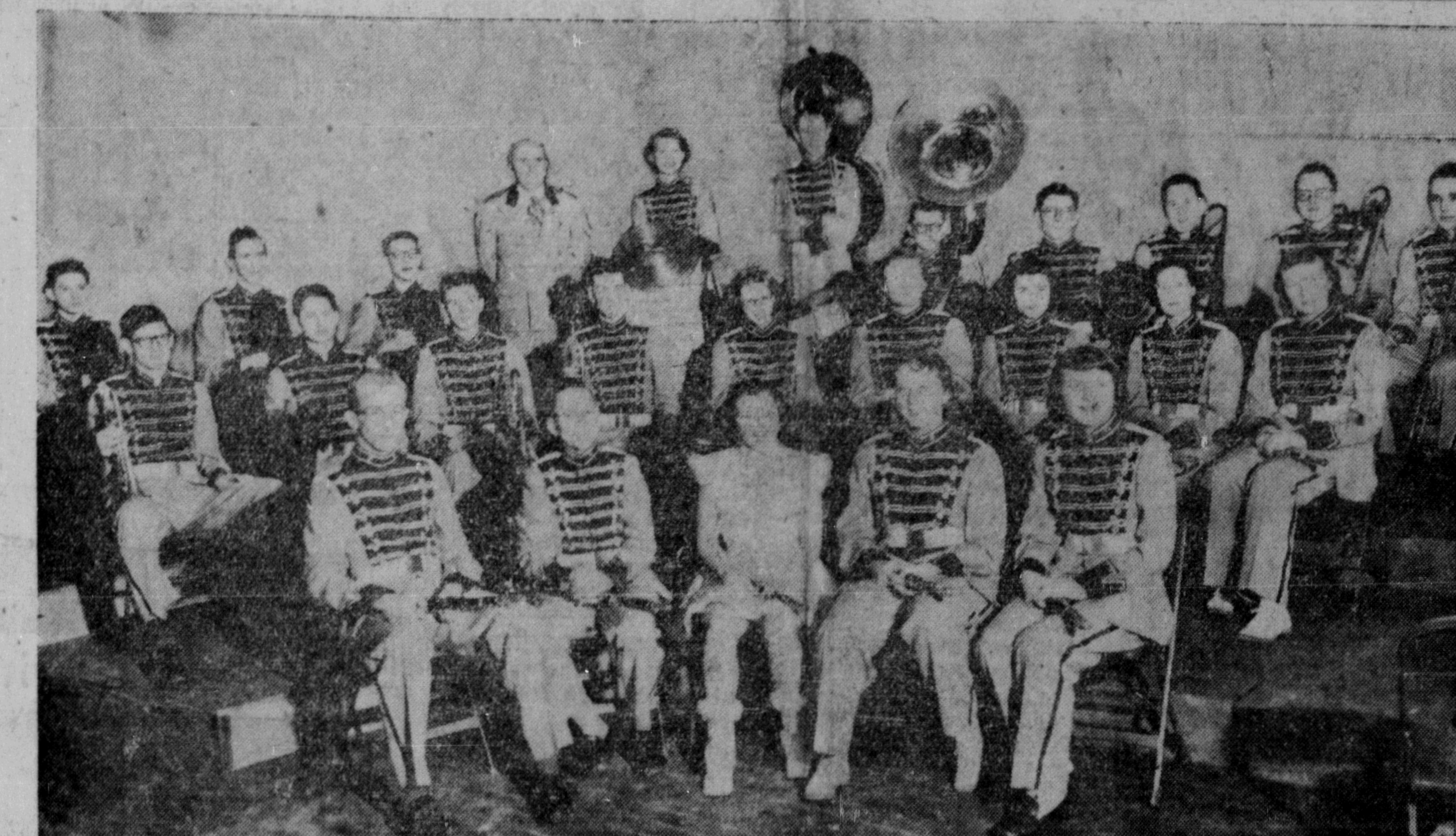
He cited repeated Russian refusals to agree on a "fool-proof" program for control of atomic and other weapons. This, he said, makes it vital for United States to build up its defenses "as quickly and vigorously as possible."

Truman said American rearmament is "above all, an effort to prevent a world conflict." It is also an effort to prepare our defenses to meet such a conflict if it is forced upon us.

aluminum company's use, since power is one thing which should be controlled by the people. Mr. Winch accused the government of giving the company an "empire," allowing Alcan to reduce resources of the province without proper compensation.

"Why should the province hand away this heritage?" he asked.

Tonight's train, due from the East at 10:15, was reported this afternoon to be two hours and ten minutes late.



TO VISIT HERE—The Eugene High School band, on a tour of British Columbia and Alaska, is due here tomorrow morning on the Princess Norah and during its stay will play a concert in the local Civic Centre for Booth Memorial High School Assembly. Tour stops are scheduled at Juneau, Ketchikan, Alaska, and at Prince Rupert and Ocean Falls. The young musicians will present a concert at each city. Back here next Wednesday afternoon they will play for a students' tea-dance then.

Good Chance to Live—Terrace Babies on Way South

BULLETINS

YUKON CAPITAL MOVED
OTTAWA — Reconstruction Minister Winters announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Yukon seat of government is being moved from Dawson, famed centre of the Klondike gold rush, to Whitehorse, 500 miles south. The reason is Dawson's dwindling population and the increasing important position of Whitehorse as an air centre.

ENGLISH CUP PLAY
LONDON — Powerful Newcastle United yesterday advanced into the final of the English Football Association Cup by defeating Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 to 1. The game was a replay of Saturday's scoreless tie. Newcastle was joined in the final by Blackpool which downed Birmingham City, 2 to 1, also a replay of a semi-final scoreless tie Saturday.

BIG VANCOUVER STORM
VANCOUVER — High winds swept the Lower Mainland and Vancouver again last night. Sea Island recorded 50 miles per hour. An Army and Navy warehouse in New Westminster collapsed. Power lines and trees were blown down.

U. S. TRAIN WRECK
DETROIT—Two women and an infant child of one were killed in a train wreck just west of here last night at midnight and more than 30 persons were injured. Five cars of a Cincinnati-bound New York Central passenger train left the rails as the train felt its way through fog and snow.

HOSPITALS TO COLLECT
VICTORIA — Hospitals will have the responsibility for collection of co-insurance rates for hospital insurance, Health Minister A. D. Turnbull said yesterday in the Legislature when amendments to the Hospital Insurance Act reached committee. Bills were introduced in the House yesterday to authorize borrowing of money for the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, public buildings, highways, hospital insurance and B.C. Power Commission.

FORD CURTAILING
WINDSOR — Owing to drying up of delivery of frames and other parts from United States, several hundred workers have been laid off at the Ford plant here. The six-day week has been cut to five.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER		TORONTO	
American Standard	30	Athlone	.08 1/2
Bralorne	6.75	Aumague	.22 1/2
B. R. X.	.04	Beattie	.60
Cariboo Quartz	1.30	Bevcourt	.46
Congress	.08 3/4	Bobjo	.16
Hedley Masco	.63	Buffalo Canadian	.25 1/4
Indian Mines	.20	C. M. & S.	136.00
Pend Orella	8.00	Conwest	2.35
Pioneer	2.75	Donalda	.55
Premier Border	.13	Eldona	.23
Privateer	.08 1/2	East Sullivan	8.30
Reeves McDonald	4.10	Giant Yellowknife	7.10
Reno	.06	God's Lake	.41
Sheep Creek	1.60	Hardrock	.23
Sibak Premier	.33	Harricana	.14
Taku River	.07	Heva	.10
Vananda	.18	Hosco	.06 1/4
Salmon Gold	.03	Jackknife	.05 1/4
Spud Valley	.04 1/2	Joliet Quebec	.68
Silver Standard	2.52	Lapaska	.05
Western Uranium	1.55	Little Long Lac	.87
Oils		Lynx	.15
Anglo Canadian	6.10	Madsen Red Lake	2.35
A. P. Con	.40	McKenzie Red Lake	.49
Atlantle	2.90	McLeod Cockshutt	3.20
Calmont	1.18	Moneta	.35
C & E	11.00	Negus	.91
Central Leduc	2.30	Noranda	79.25
Home Oil	17.75	Louvicourt	.21
Okalta	2.62	Pickle Crow	1.71
Pacific Pete	9.55	Regicourt	.04 1/2
Princess	1.53	San Antonio	2.51

A Royal Canadian Air Force mercy plane is churning its way through a central British Columbia blizzard today to fly to safety in hospital in Vancouver premature babies who were born Saturday in Terrace Red Cross Outpost Hospital.

The babies are being flown to St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver where there are special facilities for care of premature. The plane was scheduled to reach Vancouver early this afternoon.

Flight Lieutenant Paul Gibbs was forced to land his Dakota aircraft yesterday at Prince George when snow made it impossible for him to continue to Terrace. Accompanied by a nurse, the babies were put aboard the train at Terrace last night for Smithers where Gibbs landed safely today to pick them up.

The babies—four-pound three-ounce girl and four-pound nine-ounce boy—were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bilton of Terrace.

Dr. Gerald May, Terrace physician, said the twins "have every chance of survival." He requested the mercy plane because he said he wanted to have the twins removed from influenza-ridden Terrace. He said that about three-quarters of the town's 2,500 residents are stricken by flu.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
A storm which moved over the Queen Charlottes yesterday afternoon became very active during the night. It is now moving through the central interior and by evening is expected to be crossing the mountains into Alberta.

Strong winds developed with the storm. Northwest gales are general on the coast and will persist through most of the day, decreasing toward evening.

Indications are that this storm will once again pull polar air back over much of the province. By tomorrow it is expected that the northern half of the province will be covered and temperatures will once again fall well below normal values for this time of year. Temperatures on the south coast and in the southern interior will also be below normal but not to the extent of those in the northern interior.

Considerable snow will fall in the southern interior as the storm moves eastward. Behind the storm showers will continue with most precipitation falling as snow.

Gale Warning
North coast region — Gale warning posted. Cloudy with snow flurries, clearing slowly along the mainland late this afternoon. Variable cloudiness and a few snow flurries tomorrow. Colder tonight. Winds — Northwest (20 mph) northern section and northwest (40) southern section, shifting all sections to northerly by evening. Northeast winds (30) developing down mainland inlets tonight. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow — At Port Hardy 30 and 40; Sandspit 25 and 32; Prince Rupert 22 and 32.

Bicycle and Car Collide

Two boys on one bicycle and an automobile, driven by James Currie, were in collision at the corner of Sixth Avenue and McBride Street at 12:55 noon today. The boys were thrown from the bicycle and taken immediately on board by the car driver. At the police station they were found to be uninjured. The boys were riding east on Sixth Avenue. The car was coming up McBride in a northerly direction.

Must Resolve Talks Soon

PARIS (CP) — Talks between Russian and western deputies on the possibility of the Big Four foreign ministers meeting are nearing a "break or settle" stage, observers said today.

The Soviet delegation, after eight days of meetings, are still trying to break the united front so far presented by the United States, Great Britain and France. R. Herbert Morrison, Britain's foreign secretary, is due here Friday. His arrival is not officially connected with conference of deputies but, if an end of the discussions is in sight by the week-end, Morrison's presence in Paris would provide a useful short cut for any quick policy decision which may be involved.

Hockey Scores

NATIONAL	
Toronto 3, New York 1	
PACIFIC COAST	
Portland 3, Seattle 2	
Western International	
Trail 3, Kimberley 4. (Trail leads best of five series 2-1, one game tied.)	

Packing House Strike Looming

WASHINGTON (CP) — Head of the CIO Packing House Workers said last night his union was "free to strike" March 26 because economic stabilizer, Eric Johnston, refused to approve an 11-cent-hourly wage increase.

Earlier, Johnston declined to okay the raise on the ground it would break through the wage ceiling limiting increases, in general, to 10 percent above levels of January 15, 1950.

Ralph Helstein, president of the CIO union, with about half of the industry's packing house workers, told a press conference a definite date for the walkout would be determined by a policy committee now meeting in Washington.

CO-OP HEARS SCIENTIST—

New Discoveries of Movements And Habits of Fish Disclosed

Speaking before the annual general meeting of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association, Dr. J. L. Hart of Nanaimo dealt particularly with the fish of interest to the fishermen of the north coast. As director of the Biological Research for the Pacific coast, Dr. Hart delved deep into his ample knowledge and experience to handle this subject.

Hongchong Is Taken

Allies Within 18 Miles of 38th Parallel

TOKYO (CP) — United Nations troops returned to Seoul in force today and searched rubble streets of the old South Korean capital for hide-out Communist soldiers.

Meanwhile all along the Korean front Allied troops surged northward on the heels of the retreating Reds.

At some points Allied troops are less than 18 miles from the old 38th parallel border to North Korea.

American assault troops stormed into Hongchong today and found the former main Communist supply base on the central front in ruins.

He described the department's efforts to ascertain the abundance of albacore in the North Pacific and the possibility of controlling the abundance of the schools. He described special tagging hooks now being used. These hooks were first produced by the members of his department. They remain in the fish's mouth after a weakened line breaks under a 30-pound strain. It saves landing the fish. However, as up to date, no albacore have been recovered with these tags in their mouths. The full benefits have yet to be seen.

At present the department is investigating the year classes of fish in an effort to try and follow the life and growth of the albacore. As earstones and scales have been found unsatisfactory for ascertaining the age of the tuna, another method had to be found and at present they are attempting to use marks that appear on the vertebrae. While these marks bear a definite relation to age, scientists are not yet certain if they are annual marks. They discovered that five ages are represented among the albacore under investigation. Dr. Hart feels that the Japanese and North American tuna are probably separate families. Under investigation the Japanese fish always appear larger in the same age group.

The sad feature of the investigation is that the appropriation for the work has been cut and research will be confined to shore sampling with possibly only one field trip for the year.

The possibility of utilizing voluntary fishermen to help in this work is being considered. While it is established that the movement of tuna is associated with the temperature of the water brought in the subject of oceanography, the group working on this subject (Continued on page 8)

Air Passengers

To Vancouver (today) — S. G. Furk, A. Gillis, Lt. Cdr. J. W. Golby, J. C. Heron, T. W. Brown.

To Vancouver (Tuesday) — Mrs. W. Wilson.

To Sandspit (Tuesday) — Mrs. R. Berryman and infant.

From Vancouver (Wednesday) — P. Sherbin, J. W. Watson, Mrs. Watson, F. Simpson, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Rathbone, Mr. Glover, J. A. Bell, C. Howard, Mrs. W. Ross and Master Ross, Mr. Timms, Mr. Montgomery, P. N. Bland, D. J. Rattensbury, Mrs. A. Costello, A. Dawson, Mrs. Dawson.

TIDES

Friday, March 16, 1950		
High	7:02	16.4 feet
	21:19	14.2 feet
Low	0:29	11.7 feet
	14:34	8.0 feet