CNR President Urges Railways Be Given Rate-Setting Powers

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MONTREAL (CP)—President Donald Gordon of the Canadian National Railways urged today that the railways be given wide rate-setting power to wage a vigorous rate-cargo fight against competing truckers.

He maintained also that federal subsidies are justified to develop new branch lines on the basis of national benefit.

Both he and president N. R. Crump of the Canadian Pacific Railway appeared to indicate the nature of future transportation developments before the royal commission on Canada's economic future.

Mr. Crump, levelling his main attack against the statutory low Crowsnest rate charges on export grain, urged that the railways generally be given a greater measure of freedom from federal rail regulation.

The statutory low rate of western grain, yielding, he said, less than one-third the average yield of other rates, was neither just nor reasonable. It was a direct contradiction of the spirit of the Railway Act and gave undue preference to grain shippers.

All rate changes must first be approved by the federal board of transport commissioners. Mr. Gordon said he could see no serious threat ahead to the dominant position of railways in land transportation.

In fact, though the St. Lawrence seaway may cause a temporary dip in rail bulk traffic, CNR freight traffic may rise by about 60 per cent over the next 20 years.

DIFFICULT PERIOD

But the railways currently were passing through a difficult transitional stage, facing increasing competition from truckers.

The rail chief, proposing the framework for a "vigorous and orderly competition," asked for ratesetting power only on runs competitive with the truckers.

He urged:

● The railways be given freedom to set rates based on ordinary commercial principles of pricing, subject to the requirement that rates be remunerative and made known to the shipping public. Exceptions would be made in the case of complaining shippers with no other means of transport but the railways.

● Changes, once determined in detail, would be held in abeyance for say 18 months during which the board of transport commissioners would be able to rule on exceptions. The transition period would give the railways an opportunity to organize and prepare for a new and more effective approach to competitive pricing.

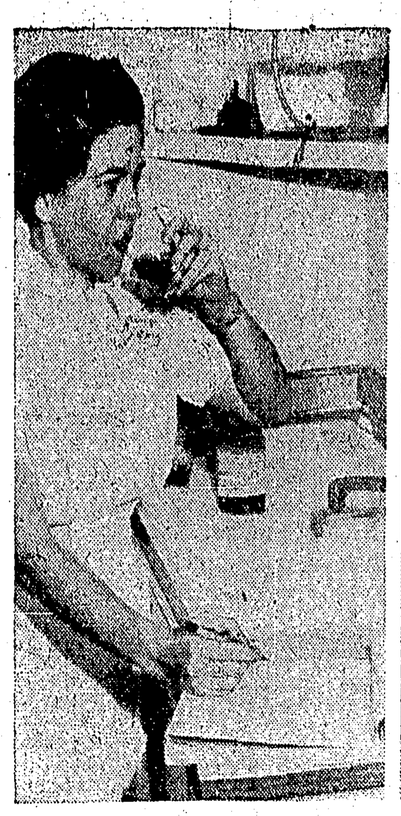
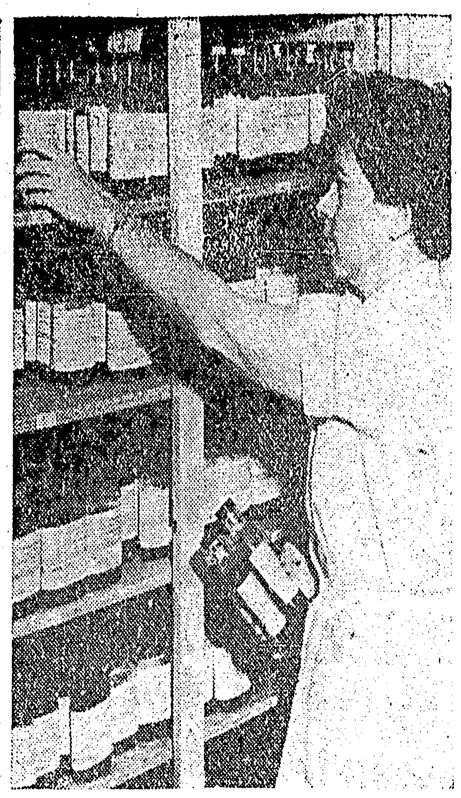
SOME JUSTIFIED

In some cases, he agreed, subsidies can breed inefficiency and he did not wish to appear as an active advocate of such aid, but there were cases which such aid was justified.

"In recent years the federal government has recognized the limitations of commercial railway accounting as a guide to economic policy and in fact have contributed by the sharing of construction cost to closing the gap in the railway's income accounts in the case of the Lynn lake (Manitoba) and Chibougamau (Quebec) branch lines.

"This policy, I submit, is economically sound, and the management of the Canadian National considers it warrants support and confirmation by this commission."

Mr. Crump said the Railway Act is replete with rules and regulations governing railway operations. Taken collectively, they became unduly hampering to the railways.

TAKING A SWIG OF WHISKY (left) and checking on the many, many bottles (right) she is responsible for swigging, is Marjorie Plamp, sober citizen of Louisville, Ky., who takes 20 to 30 one-ounce drinks of the hard stuff every day on the job. The catch — she doesn't swallow . . . she sloshes it around and spits it out. As far as Miss Plamp knows, she's the only woman whisky taster in the country, and in seven years on the job she's taken around 36,400 healthy dollops of Brown-Forman Distillers' products. One taste of hers may decide what happens to 300 barrels of whisky. She finds one of the most interesting aspects of her job is that she hasn't had a tooth cavity in the seven years, although she had bad teeth prior to that.

Weekly Paper Raps Taboos Surrounding Royal Family

LONDON (Reuters)—An Anglican weekly journal has called the monarchy a "substitute religion," tinged with superstition, and urges that "any member of the Royal Family" should be able to "slip easily and without fuss into private life."

The Church of England newspaper, which reflects the views of the "Evangelical" and liberal element among Anglicans, says in an editorial:

"It is not only foolish but becomes wrong when one family is so separated from the people that no member of it can behave as other, decent people would without shaking the nation to the depths. In the Scandinavian countries the attitude to monarchy is much more sensible and realistic."

Declaring that the monarch "is surrounded with a thick hedge of taboos that deter inquiry," it asks "whether the uncritical worship bestowed upon the Royal Family does not do grievous injury to the persons principally concerned or whether the nation is not laying up for itself a future danger."

TWO WARNINGS

"We have now had two warnings: that of the abdication and that of the Princess Margaret affair."

It notes that "the two previous disturbances have related to the marriage question" and asks "whether the next occasion might not be more troublesome and not perhaps connected with marriage at all."

UNNATURAL RELATIONSHIP

"Princess Margaret's problem only arose at all because her position is partly artificial. This is not just that the circle of acquaintances from whom royalty can choose intimate friends is limited and that etiquette raises barriers to true mutuality and understanding even among those. It is that their relationship with the public is unnatural . . .

"The proposed marriage of the princess to Group Captain Peter Townsend would have been felt as a threat in every home in the land where the marriage is insecure.

"If Princess Margaret made her decision for reasons such as this she deserves very high credit indeed and her lasting example will exercise an astringent effect on some people as it will be an encouragement to others.'.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Mrs. Fusty Succeeds With the "Impossible"

Mr. New, the avid kibitzer, got his neck out a mile in commenting on the play of today's hand. He should have known better than to question the amazing abilities of Mrs. Fusty.

Mr. Heinsite hit on his best lead, the ten of diamonds. Mrs. Fusty finessed dummy's queen and it lost to the king. Mr. Abel returned a diamond and dummy was in with the ace.

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
(Mrs. Keen)
♠ K 10 4
♥ K Q 7 4
♦ A Q
♣ A Q J 6

WEST (Mr. Heinsite)
♠ Q 7 5
♥ 8 6 5
♦ 10 9 8
♣ K 7 5 4

EAST (Mr. Abel)
♠ J 6
♥ 10 9 2
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ 10 9 8 3

SOUTH
(Mrs. Fusty)
♠ A 9 8 3 2
♥ A J 3
♦ J 7 4 3
♣ 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	All Pass

It was here that Mr. New noticed that the contract was "impossible" because one defender had three trumps to the queen and the other had the jack-six. It was obvious—to Mr. New, anyway—that Mrs. Fusty had to lose a trump trick and he whispered that thought to the other kibitzers. Apparently they all agreed.

DISAGREES

Mrs. Fusty did not agree. At trick three she cashed dummy's ace of clubs and ruffed a club in her hand. She led the trey of hearts to dummy's queen, returned another club and ruffed it. She entered dummy again with the king of hearts and ruffed the last club.

Mr. New considered all of this a waste of time. "It's absolutely impossible to make it," he whispered to Mrs. Fusty, with a trace of pity in his voice. "There's no sense in playing it out."

Mrs. Fusty ignored those words of wisdom and doggedly continued the play. She cashed the ace of hearts and everybody followed suit. Next she led the jack of diamonds and discarded dummy's last heart.

At this point each hand was down to three cards. Mr. Heinsite had his original three spades and so did dummy. Mr. Abel had his original two spades and a diamond. Mrs. Fusty had ace-nine of spades and a diamond.

She led the diamond and the defense was dead. If Mr. Heinsite played the queen of spades, Mrs. Fusty would overruff with dummy's king, lead back a spade and finesse against the jack.

Actually, Mr. Heinsite ruffed with the five of spades. Mrs. Fusty overruffed with dummy's 10 and the ace and king of spades took the last two tricks.

All the way through the hand Mrs. Fusty had placed no importance on the "fact" that the contract was impossible. More to the point was the fact that she had contracted to take 12 tricks and she had taken 12 tricks. That's what counted on the score. She turned around to ask Mr. New why he thought there was no sense in making a vulnerable small slam. Mr. New had gone.

Join Teamsters

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — The Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union (TLC), an all-B.C. organization, Friday voted by a 5-4 margin to join the independent U.S. Teamsters' Union.

Later, delegates to the annual convention of workers in the rich Okanagan valley from Penticton, Vernon and Summerland walked out in disapproval.

The voting was 30 to 24 and reflected a split in the fruit workers' ranks since a strike last fall. The 16-day stoppage ended Sept. 9 when the union accepted a five-cent-an-hour across-the-board increase, half what they had asked.

During the strike, the Teamsters had offered financial assistance to the packers.

The dissidents walked out after John Sweeney of Seattle, secretary-treasurer of the western conference of Teamsters, had spoken.

After the move, Mr. Sweeney said, "I'll predict they'll be breaking down the doors to get back with us."

A DOLL THAT TALKS has Lady Spot, a dalmation dog, in a dilemma. Both are owned by Sandra Kruger of New York, a 10-year-old ventriloquist. Lady Spot doesn't know her mistress can "throw" her voice and appears mystified at the vocal dummy. Sandra, not used to talk around the house because both parents are deaf, was given the doll to talk to. She mastered ventriloquy and enjoys doing shows on TV and at school. She was offered a job entertaining in a night club, but her parents decided the hours were too late.

Inquiry Witness Hits, Threatens Photographers

VANCOUVER (CP)— One newspaper photographer was threatened and another punched here Friday as they took pictures of Joe Celona, named before a royal commission as a bootlegger.

Don McLeod, Vancouver Province camera man, said Mr. Celona put his fist against his nose after he took a picture at the R. H. Tupper inquiry into police affairs.

"He said 'You dirty rat,' " said Mr. McLeod. " 'Do that again and I'll kick you in the face—I'll punch you in the nose.'"

Moments later, Brian Kent of the Vancouver Sun said his camera was grabbed and twisted by Angelo Branca, Mr. Celona's lawyer, as he took their pictures in front of a city hall elevator.

Diesel School Being Held In Interior

A mobile service school in diesel engineering is being held throughout central and southern British Columbia during January and February, General Motors representatives in Vancouver announced this week.

School will start in Terrace, and then go on to Kitimat, Burns Lake and Prince George before taking in Cariboo centres. Course is designed to keep operators, owners and mechanics of diesel equipment up to date with latest company equipment.

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