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INCREASE IN FREIGHT CAR DELIVERIES: - For the second successive month, January deliveries of new freight cars to the railroads were higher than any month since October 1953. Deliveries in January totaled 7,822, compared with 7,260 in December and 4,199 in January 1956. Orders for new freight cars totaled 5,328 in January 1957, compared with 4,992 in December, and 1,818 in January 1956.

FRISCO LOADINGS: - For period Feb. 16 to Feb. 22, 1957, inclusive, Frisco revenue freight loaded on-line and received from connections totaled 16,173, compared with 16,098 for the previous 7-day period and a total of 16,212 for the corresponding period last year.

A.A.R. RECEIVES FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARD: - Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. announced the selection of the A.A.R. by the distinguished National Awards Jury to receive the George Washington Honor Medal for its motion picture, "The Right to Compete". The Foundation said that the film shows "the importance of the transportation industry in America's economy, based on a report by the President's Cabinet Committee on Transportation", and is "an outstanding achievement in helping to bring about a better understanding of the American way of life".

This award is one of several Freedoms Foundation awards which the A.A.R. has received in the last several years in connection with its public relations program.

MONTHLY INCOME ACCOUNT: - The Frisco Railway System operations, including the Alabama, Tennessee & Northern Railroad Company for the month of January 1957 were:

	<u>January</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>January</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>or</u> <u>Decrease</u>
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 10,993,201	\$ 10,576,469	\$ 416,732
Total Operating Expenses	9,038,001	8,592,682	445,319
Net Railway Operating Income	765,676	892,415	126,739 *
Balance after Fixed and Contingent Charges	107,646	404,371	296,725 *

* Denotes Decrease

SOME PROGRESS!: - There was some progress made in reducing the toll of fatalities at highway grade crossings in 1956, according to the ICC report. A total of 1,337 persons lost their lives in such accidents in 1956 compared to 1,446 fatalities the preceding year. Injured in the accidents during the two years were 3,760 and 4,014, respectively.

OKLAHOMA CATTLEMEN APPRECIATE AID: - The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association meeting in Oklahoma City recently paid tribute to the Western railroads for the assistance given through reduced freight rates on drought relief hay. The cattlemen adopted the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association commend the railways for their recognition of the emergency created by the extreme drought in the Southwest in granting a reduction in freight rates on feed for livestock, thus enabling many farmers and ranchers to retain their foundation breeding stocks until weather conditions get back to normal".

EXCISE REPEAL WOULD AID ALL: - Representative James Van Sandt of Pennsylvania thinks that repeal of the excise taxes on transportation will benefit the entire Nation. Speaking in the House of Representatives on his bill to repeal the taxes he said....."indeed, by removal of these taxes as business expense for purposes of the income tax and by freeing the flow of commerce to produce greater business activity, resulting in more net income subject to Federal tax, such action presents for the Government the distinct possibility of a net revenue gain.

Add to this the benefits to be gained by all consumers through the cumulative effect of lower prices at each stage of manufacture, wholesaling and retailing, and it is difficult to conceive of another step which could be taken with greater resulting benefit to more people or to the Nation as a whole.

.....The relatively small amount of revenue produced by these wartime taxes is far outweighed by the adverse effect they have on users of transportation on our essential public carriers and on our commerce and defense.

Therefore, they should be repealed by this Congress."

NEW LOCOMOTIVE INSTALLATIONS: - Class I railroads in January 1957, installed in service 117 new locomotive units, all of which were diesel-electric, except for two electric. In the same month in 1956, they installed 126 locomotive units all of which were diesel electric. In December, 1956 they installed 110 locomotive units, all of which were diesel electric, except for three electric.

Class I railroads in February 1, 1957, had 787 new locomotive units on order. These included 755 diesel-electric, 30 gas turbine-electric and two electric units. Class I railroads on February 1, 1956 had 835 new locomotive units on order of which 808 were diesel-electric, 15 gas turbine electric and 12 electric.

MORE TRAVELERS BY RAIL? ?: - Are more travelers going to Florida by rail this year? A Hertz survey shows that cars rented by rail customers at Florida points are running 25% of the total---3% higher than the national average. Hertz business at winter resort centers is up 57% over last year.

"PATTERN" AGREEMENT URGED IN WAGE DISPUTE: - The Presidential Emergency Fact Finding Board investigating the wage and rules dispute between the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the nation's railroads was urged to recommend settlement on the same basis as the "pattern" wage agreements already accepted by unions representing 80 per cent of all railway employees.

Howard Neitzert, counsel for the railroads, said "the carriers do not have the money to meet greater increases in labor expense than those called for by the pattern settlement and at the same time make the costly improvements needed for continued adequate and dependable railroad service for the public".

The Emergency Board has concluded its hearings and has until March 18 to file its report and recommendations for settling the dispute with President Eisenhower.

REVENUE FREIGHT: - Loading of revenue freight for the Nation's railroads for the week ended February 16, 1957 totaled 675,966 cars. This was a decrease of 22,353 cars or 3.2 per cent below the corresponding week in 1956, but an increase of 25,718 cars or four per cent above the corresponding week in 1955.

Loadings in the week ended February 16 were 10,715 cars or 1.6 per cent above the preceding week.

Coal loading amounted to 132,973 cars, a decrease of 7,173 cars below the corresponding week a year ago, and a decrease of 1,052 cars below the preceding week this year. Grain and grain products loadings totaled 52,138 cars, an increase of 5,224 cars above the corresponding week in 1956, and an increase of 742 cars above the preceding week this year. Livestock loading amounted to 5,616 cars, a decrease of 612 cars below the corresponding week in 1956, but an increase of 209 cars above the preceding week this year. Forest products loadings totaled 42,943 cars, a decrease of 2,294 cars below a year ago, but an increase of 4,548 cars above a week ago. Ore loading amounted to 22,559 cars, an increase of 1,514 cars above last year, and an increase of 1,280 cars above last week. Coke loading amounted to 13,830 cars, an increase of 109 cars above a year ago, but a decrease of 108 cars below a week ago.

Loading of merchandise less than carload freight totaled 56,194 cars, a decrease of 5,697 cars below the corresponding week in 1956, and a decrease of 380 cars below a week ago.