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FRISCO LOADINGS: - For period March 23 to March 29, 1957, inclusive, Frisco revenue freight loaded on-line and received from connections totaled 15,063, compared with 16,251 for the previous 7-day period and a total of 16,517 for the corresponding period last year.

FRISCO PERSONNEL: - The following change in Frisco personnel has been announced:

B. E. Buterbaugh, assistant superintendent of construction, headquarters, Springfield, effective April 1.

ICC OPPOSING LEGISLATION: - The I.C.C. got in early to register its opposition to two House bills now before the current Congress which would impose the three "shall nots" recommended by the Weeks Report.

Commissioner Freas of the ICC told a House Subcommittee that the bills would have the effect of restricting the Commission in considering: the effects of the proposed carrier rates on the traffic of different forms of transportation; the relations or proposed rates to the other forms; or whether the proposed rates are lower than necessary to meet the competition of other forms of transportation.

Hearings opened in Washington this week on the two measures.

LOADINGS ESTIMATES VARY LITTLE: - The 13 regional Shippers Advisory Boards estimate revenue freight loading in the second quarter of 1957 will be approximately at the same level as the corresponding period last year.

On this basis, carloadings of the 32 principal commodities in the second quarter this year will be 7,789,641 cars compared with 7,758,785 in the second quarter of 1956, or an increase of four-tenths of one per cent. Nine of the 13 Shippers Advisory Boards estimated an increase in the second quarter this year above one year ago, while four estimated reductions.

Tabulations below show actual carloadings for each district in the second quarter of 1956, the estimated carloadings for the second quarter of 1957, and percentage of change.

Shippers Advisory Boards	Actual Loadings Second Quarter 1956	Estimated Loadings Second Quarter 1957	Percentage Increase
New England	122,278	121,181	0.9 dec.
Atlantic States	790,319	818,283	3.5
Allegheny	912,302	921,219	1.0
Ohio Valley	1,054,766	1,072,341	1.7
Southeast	964,579	964,740	0.02
Great Lakes	606,594	613,488	1.1
Central Western	214,775	224,720	4.6
Mid-West	871,911	875,122	0.4
Northwest	651,382	622,405	4.4 dec.
Trans-Missouri-Kansas	357,901	361,549	1.0
Southwest	516,433	513,342	0.6 dec.
Pacific Coast	429,228	413,115	3.8 dec.
Pacific Northwest	266,412	268,136	0.6
TOTAL	7,758,785	7,789,641	0.4

CONGRATULATIONS TO V. H. Biedermann, regional manager-sales, Atlanta, who was elected chairman, Sales and Service Section Railroad Committee of the Southeast Shippers Advisory Board, at its 34th annual meeting recently.

COMPUTER SYSTEM AID BOXCAR DISTRIBUTION: - A new electronic computer system to help master-mind distribution of empty box cars to shippers along its lines was unveiled this week by the Southern Pacific Railroad.

James W. Corbett, operating vice president said the system will step up utilization of the existing box car supply and make it easier to meet demands of business and industry. The system is the product of three years of operations research by S.P. and the Stanford Research Institute.

According to Corbett, the new intelligence system each day will sift more than 70,000 individual car records, evaluate car-handling efficiency, forecast traffic trends and advise the railroad's officer in charge of car distribution where to move empties to maintain optimum car supply.

RAIL FREIGHT HIKE HEARING PUT OFF: - The Interstate Commerce Commission has reset final oral argument on pending railroad petitions for further freight rate increases for June 3, instead of May 1.

In the proceeding, the Western and Southern carriers, recently granted five per cent rate increases, are seeking additional hikes of 17 per cent and 10 per cent respectively. The Eastern railroads, already granted a seven per cent increase, are seeking a further 15 pre cent hike.

RRS FAVOR COOPERATIVE COAL RESEARCH PROGRAM: - William M. Moloney, general attorney of the A.A.R. told a subcommittee of the House Interior Committee that the railroads "look with favor" upon a cooperative research program for coal, but do not believe it should "include activities with respect to competitive forms of transporting coal to markets." The hearing was held under the authority of H.R. 400, which directed the committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a coal research program.

MEETINGS: - National Transportation Week (sponsored by the Associated Traffic Clubs of America), May 12-18.

.....National Defense Transportation Day (sponsored by the National Defense Transportation Association), May 17.

HELLER SAYS 500,000 CARS NEEDED: - An estimate that the Nation's railroads will need more than 500,000 freight cars in the next five years has been made by L. T. Mayher, executive of a management consulting firm which is making a study for the A.A.R.

Speaking individually, rather than representing the railroads, Mayher told the American Society of Planning Officials at San Francisco recently, that about a billion and a half dollars of additional capital will have to be found to make up the difference between the sum the railroads can provide on their own and the total outlay for the cars.

He said that normal refinancing by the railroads will be "strained to the hilt" to provide even 300,000 of the cars that will be needed".

Mayher said that railroad cars are inadequate to meet other demands for expansion and to complete the modernization which the Nation's economy demands. "Railroads have spent billions in the postwar period in improving their facilities", he said and added that "they have been progressive in taking advantage of new techniques and with adequate earnings and capital they will continue to do the job that has to be done and that they know how to do." He advocated that there be mergers and consolidations of railroads to benefit the entire industry.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION UNNECESSARY: - Proposed legislation requiring the Interstate Commerce Commission to prescribe rules, standards, and instructions for the installation, inspection, maintenance and repair of power or train brakes was described as "unnecessary" and "without justification" by Richard G. May of Washington, vice president in charge of the Operations and Maintenance Department of the A.A.R.

May told a subcommittee of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee that enactment of the proposed legislation "would establish unnecessary rigidity and require the expenditure of effort and money by the railroads that might better be spent on other matters that are of at least equal importance in railroad safety."

RR TAXES: - Class I railroads of the United States paid out \$1,121,323,000 in taxes in 1956, compared with \$1,080,413,000 in 1955 and \$861,282,000 in 1954.
