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TRUCKERS ROLL ALONG: - The Missouri State Senate in a night session Wednesday passed by a 25 to 4 vote, the Spradling measure to increase truck lengths by five feet, their height by one foot and their maximum load by 4,640 pounds. The only four senators who voted against the measure were Leo J. Rozier of Perryville, who led the fight opposing the bill, Gary Davidson of St. Louis, Jack Jones of Carrollton and John Noble of Kennett. The bill does not increase the fees larger and heavier trucks will pay, and now goes to the House for consideration.

The Senate Roads and Highways Committee, also late Wednesday gave a "do pass" recommendation to the Avery Bill (see Railfax of April 26, 1957), which, if passed, will impose an additional \$100 increase in all truck fees in Missouri. It would raise the maximum to \$700, instead of the present \$600.

Prior to the Senate vote on the truck bill, Senator Rozier sought to hold up action through a technical objection, contending that the bill had been improperly perfected last week. However, as in previous similar instances, the presiding officer of the Senate ruled in favor of the supporters of the bill.

FRISCO LOADINGS: - For period April 20 to April 26, 1957 inclusive, Frisco revenue freight loaded on-line and received from connections totaled 14,709, compared with 15,085 for the previous 7-day period and a total of 17,269 for the corresponding period last year.

NATIONAL DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION: - The Executive Committee of the National Defense Transportation Association has accepted an offer by Col. Thomas J. Weed, U.S.A. (Ret.) to establish a \$20,000 Foundation from his personal estate to perpetuate the patriotic aims and objectives of the Association.

Weed, who is transportation adviser for the Port of San Francisco and a national vice president of NDTA, stipulated that the Foundation "is to continue irrevocably and in perpetuity, with the National Defense Transportation Association as the sole beneficiary."

MEETINGS: -Trans-Missouri-Kansas Shippers Board, Kansas City, Mo., June 6-7.

.....Accounting Division of Association of American Railroads (annual meeting), Dallas, June 11-13.

.....Southeast Shippers Advisory Board, Memphis, June 12-13.

SEEK FOURTH CLASS POSTAGE RATE INCREASE: - The Post Office Department has asked the ICC for an increase in fourth-class postage rates. The department did not specifically state how rates would be increased, but it expects to present a new rate schedule within the next few months.

COST OF LIVING PAY RAISE FOR RAIL WORKERS: - Nine hundred thousand railroad workers whose wages, under agreement with the railroads are tied to the cost-of-living index, received an increase of three cents an hour, effective Wednesday, because of an increase in the index to 118.9 as of March 1. It is estimated the increase will add \$75 million annually to the Nation's railroad payrolls.

THERE IS SOMETHING NEW!: - "Sometimes a fellow gets to thinking 'Guess I've heard everything now'. And then something new comes along to startle him all over again. The story about the suit filed by a group of airlines against 45 major railroads, charging the railroads with illegal monopoly of the commercial transportation of military personnel, is enough to cause comment anywhere. If there was ever reason for one sort of business to complain against another, the railroads have had, for some years, that cause. Airlines have started hauling so many passengers that railroads are thinking about going out of business. Cities build airports where the planes belonging to the companies can operate-- big buildings are constructed by municipalities for the airline passengers. Expensive land is purchased by cities, and runways put down at high cost. Airlines pay rent, and in some cases very little compared to what the service is worth to them.

"Railroads are big taxpayers in every county where they operate. They build their own stations, buy their own land, get their own right of way for the tracks which they put down at railroad expense. Their support of communities is considerable (we in this area know, because we have seen a decrease in Frisco taxes recently, and are able to feel the difference in our school budgets). Then the government comes along and by paying mail subsidies goes a long way towards keeping the airlines operating at a profit.

"Yes, the railroads have had cause to do a great big lot of complaining. We haven't heard too much, at that. But this week in Federal District Court in Washington, The Aircoach Transport Association, trade association and sales agent for 30 airlines, declared that railroads are using "predatory rate practices" in order to monopolize the business of commercial transportation of military personnel. The plaintiffs want \$45,000,000 damages.

"There is generally something new under the sun, and this is that something new for today."

TED WYLIE, Northwest Arkansas Times

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