

### CNR's Health Plan Will End Similar Voluntary Plans

OTTAWA (CP)—The CNR's new health and welfare plan for its 80,000-odd non-operating employees means the end of similar voluntary plans operated by the employees themselves or through insurance companies, railways President Donald Gordon said Monday.

The reason he gave to the Commons railway committee is that the insurance companies underwriting the new plan, covering medical, sick pay and life benefits, cannot accept duplicated coverage.

For a time, the company stopped deducting at source employee contributions to employee-sponsored plans, but resumed temporarily—with insurance companies' permission—until the plans can be wound up.

The main problem in winding up the affairs of the employee associations is whether they have enough funds—running into the millions—to cover their liabilities, Mr. Gordon said, adding that the CNR management hopes to be able to assist in a settlement.

**NO DISCRIMINATION**

Mr. Gordon said there are differences—but rejected any suggestions of discrimination—between benefits given organized and non-organized workers covered by the new health and welfare plan.

Mr. Gordon also made these other points:

1. Powerful jet transports of the future will "beat the daylight out of us" in competing for long-haul passenger traffic. One solution open to the railways was to concentrate on providing speedy intercity train travel to beat jet short-haul competition.
2. The CNR found that when it is able to sell liquor on its trains the control of consumption is much easier and passengers better behaved.
3. The railway was in a price cost squeeze despite recent freight rates boosts totalling 11 per cent. Increased revenue from the boosts were running behind rising wage costs.

### Weightlessness Is Effect Of Transportation In Rocket

Editor's note: A kitten that floats in air and a golf ball are helping scientists prepare for the rocket age. Here is a report on the part they play in an unusual project.

By GARTH JONES

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—The pilot put the speedy F-94C jet interceptor into a shallow dive, then pointed the sharp silver nose upward at a 70-degree angle.

A golf ball attached to a string hanging from the plane's canopy bobbed about, then bounced from its outstretched palm.

"Okay," Maj. Herbert D. Stallings shouted to his passenger in the rear of the two-place trainer.

Dr. Siegfried J. Gerathewohl tossed a kitten into the air and the bewildered animal floated for several seconds, feet up.

**BEATS GRAVITY**

Stallings had produced a gravity-free state, or weightlessness, by flying the jet at a certain calculated speed on a curved path resembling the trajectory of an artillery shell—or a rocket.

Below the thundering jet spread the runways of Randolph air force base, near San Antonio.

"Weightlessness," Gerathewohl explains, occurs when an object travels in a circular path around the earth at such velocity that its centrifugal force balances the pull of gravity.

When weightlessness, or zero gravity, occurs, everything in a plane or rocket that isn't firmly fastened down—including the pilot—floats freely about, without any weight, without any physical awareness of up or down.

Stallings adds:

"Test pilots and the pilots who are flying the latest and fastest jets know what weightlessness is. BRINGS NAUSEA

"We have taken some experienced jet pilots up several times. They get sick and vomit every time when the plane hits zero gravity. Right now we are in that weightlessness phase for maybe 30 or 40 seconds.

"What will happen when we coast to coast? Will each passenger and crew members have to be tested to see if he can stand the maybe 25 to 30 minutes of weightlessness it will take for the trip?"

Gerathewohl floats the kitten to prove earthbound reflexes of animals are no good in a state weightlessness. A cat always comes down on its feet. But when there is no pull of gravity it doesn't know which way is down.

When he tries to pour water out of a bottle during the zero gravity stage it becomes a floating blob that has to be shaken out of the bottle neck by force.

**RICH IN IRON**

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### ARMOUR FOR UNEF

PORT SAID, Egypt.—A convoy of "Ferrets," armored cars of the 5th Canadian Reconnaissance Squadron, move out of Port Said after arrival from Canada. In the lead vehicle, flying the blue UN flag, is Capt. Norman Shackleton of Guelph, Ont., who is in charge of the convoy. The Canadians will use the ferrets on patrol duty. (CP Wirephoto)

### Cosmopolitan U. N. Force Is Temperate In Liquor Use

By JACK BRAYLEY  
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ARI SUWEIR, Egypt (CP)—The sergeant in charge of the officers' mess says Canadians and their cosmopolitan comrades of the United Nations Emergency Force are an extremely temperate bunch. Sgt. Joe Marion of Pembroke, Ont., and Charlotte-town finds the demand, such as it is, favors rye and beer with little "fancy drinking."

Maj. Don Morgan of Midland, Ont., thanking the enthusiastic population for their cheers as he handed the town of El Sheikh Zayat back to the Egyptians, had only one small request:

"Would someone mind asking a few of their fellow-supporters to stop firing at the UNEF troops.

The town priests issued a proclamation from their minarets the next day and the shooting stopped.

A slip of paper fell out of Maj. Mack Jack's hymn book, informing the started Halifax officer that "Maj. Jack will read the lesson." Checking with the padre after the service, the major deduced that the reminder had been inserted in the book by another padre before a Halifax service last fall.

Indians, Danes and Yugoslavs join Canadians in clustering around the public relations information board to read clippings from Canadian papers on UNEF activities. The non-Canadians get a particular kick out of spotting themselves or their friends in some of the pictures.

The safety slogan at the UNEF motor pool reads: "Drive defensively at all times." Col. Mike Dare of Camp Borden, Ont., the base chief, explains that you can't depend on the native driver and warns his troops that they must take both shares of the responsibility of preventing accidents.

Sometimes the language barrier creates a few problems. A Canadian officer showed an Egyptian workman how to sprinkle dust-layer on the floor of the barracks before he swept. He returned an hour later to find the workman had left the floor ankle-deep in dust-layer, bar-room style.

A volunteer medical team under veteran paratrooper Lt. Col. Stewart Hittman of Kingston, Ont., is prepared to make an emergency jump anywhere in the Sinai Desert to come to the aid of a downed airman. The team organized strictly on its own and is in line for no special pay concessions.

**PRESIDENTS HELICOPTERS**

WASHINGTON (AP)—Two helicopters for the personal use of President Eisenhower are reported to have been delivered. They were said to have cost \$80,000 each with spare parts. Plans to use helicopters to ferry Eisenhower from the White House to Washington national airport were disclosed by the White House several weeks ago.



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