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## WESTERN ALLIES OFFER BIG CONCESSIONS TO GERMANS

### Look For New Red Offensive In West Korea

### Railways Apply For Immediate Boost In Freight Rate Structure

(By John LeBlanc)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—A trip-pronged move for higher freight rates was launched by the railways today in the wake of final settlement of their multi-million-dollar wage battle with employees.

Before the Board of Transport Commissioners, they asked:  
1. An immediate five-per-cent general increase in rates, chiefly based on the seven-cents-an-hour wage increase costing them \$30,800,000 a year.  
2. A further increase of an unspecified amount, to cover added costs of the five-day, 40-hour week going into effect next June 1, with that rate taking effect on that date.  
3. A completely new system for setting freight rates, which could in itself result in a higher general level of rates.

In a separate case, meanwhile, they argued before the board today for permission to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada in their attempt to hoist passenger commutation fares for such cities as Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec City, Halifax and Winnipeg. The board reserved decision.

Main foundation for the two freight rate-increase applications was the wage-hour settlement with 124,000 employees, finally nailed down this week by Mr. Justice Kellock of the Supreme Court, acting as Government arbitrator.

The railways have estimated the wage increase and the short work week will cost them around \$110,000,000 a year, though this figure was not accepted by Mr. Justice Kellock.

If their rate-increase application covering the short week were filed on the basis of that figure, it would run to about 23 per cent on top of the proposed five-per-cent immediate raise.

The five-per-cent boost will yield about \$17,500,000 a year, the railways apparently expecting improved

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**Coming Events**  
\*Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.  
\*Christmas Concert, Victoria Hall, December 22nd.  
\*Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, December 26th. Luncheon.  
\*Cavendish School Christmas Concert, Friday, December 22nd.  
\*Cleaning and Buying Timothy Seed up until December 22nd. John Leard, Crapaud.  
\*Don't forget Hampshire Christmas Concert, Friday, December 22nd.  
\*Warren Grove Christmas Concert, North River Hall, Friday, December 22nd.  
\*Christmas Concert in Harrisville School, Friday, December 22nd.  
\*Pariety Concert and Dance, Kelly's Cross Hall, Wednesday, December 27th.  
\*Hazelbrook Christmas Concert, Friday, December 22nd, at 8.15 P.M.  
\*We will not be receiving Cream Monday, December 25th. Wiltshire Dairying Co.  
\*St. Ignatius School Concert in Mayfield Hall, Friday, December 22nd.  
\*Dance, St. Peter's Legion Hall, Tuesday night, December 26th. Cliff Peters Orchestra.  
\*Buying pigs Saturday at Fredrick. For good pigs over 30 lbs. each \$21 a pair. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.  
\*See "His Irish Drem Girl", 3 act comedy drama, Vernon River Hall, December 27th. Curtain 8 P.M. Dance after.  
\*Dance St. Mary's Parish Hall, Sours, Wednesday Dec. 27th. George Chappel and his Merry Islanders.  
\*Dance Winsloe Station Hall, Friday, December 22. Music by George Chappel and his Merry Islanders. Dancing 9.30 to 12.30. Admission 50c. Canteen service. Bus leaves I.M.T. 9.30.  
\*Midnight Dance at St. Peter's Holy Name Hall, starting at 12.05 A.M. December 26th. If travelling and weather conditions not favorable Dance will be held following Friday. Door Prizes.

### To Represent Alberta In Federal Cabinet



Appointment of George Prudham, Liberal M.P. for Edmonton West, as Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, has settled the question of cabinet representation for Alberta and former president of the National House Builders' Association of Canada, was first elected to the Commons in the St. Laurent landslide election of June, 1949.

### Bow Section Of Tanker Overturns Off East Point

HALIFAX, Dec. 21—(CP)—Plans to repair the British tanker Esso Rochester and have her sail again were shelved tonight when the bow section of the wrecked vessel rolled over in heavy seas 60 miles off East Point, Prince Edward Island.  
Caught in a Nov. 29 storm, the tanker split in two.  
The stern section of the 11,000-ton ship was brought into port today. All was going well with the bow section when it broke away from a tug and rolled over.  
"Nothing can be done for it now," salvage officials said.  
Agents for the vessel said that the ship could have been reconstructed if both parts had been brought to safety.  
The British ship was wrecked off Anticosti in a storm Nov. 29 but her 43-man crew was rescued by the tanker Maruba.  
By coincidence, the Maruba arrived here today just a few hours before the stern section was towed in.

### New Commander Of Winnipeg Station

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Wing Cdr. Lawson H. Randall of Saint John, N. B., Canadian air attaché in Moscow, has been appointed commanding officer of the R. C. A. F. station at Winnipeg. No mention was made of a successor in his post in the Soviet Union.  
In Moscow since May, 1948, he will replace at Winnipeg Wing Cdr. Maurice Lipton of Sydney, who will command the R. C. A. F.'s new flying training school at Gimli, Man.  
The appointments are effective early in January.

### Eisenhower Appointment Is Hailed With Delight

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent, leaving a Cabinet meeting, hailed the Eisenhower appointment with "delight" tonight and predicted it will really get Western defence preparations rolling.  
Smiling, he told reporters "no major decisions" were made today at Cabinet sessions which heard reports from three Ministers back from abroad.  
He left with the reporters the impression the Government is planning no major new measures at this stage of world crisis, but said Cabinet will have another look at the international situation next Thursday.  
Mr. St. Laurent said the naming of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to head an integrated Atlantic Pact army for Europe "will stimulate all the member nations to their best efforts."

### 8th Army Reports Ominous Massing Of Communists

By ROBERT EUNSON  
TOKYO, Dec. 21—(Friday)—(AP)—A threatening buildup of Communist strength Thursday presaged fresh assaults on the Western Korean front.  
Quiet prevailed in the northeast after American forces smashed back the strongest Chinese and Korean Red attack thus far on the shrunken Hungnam beachhead.  
Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters, meanwhile, reported American casualties in Korea between Nov. 24 and Dec. 12 were 11,964. Other United Nations casualties, not counting South Korean Republicans, raised the figure for that period to 12,975.  
With previous United States Defence Department figures, this indicated total American casualties for the war have exceeded 42,000. Thirty per cent of these losses in dead, wounded and missing thus were suffered in 19 days after the Chinese Communists threw masses of troops into an offensive which MacArthur has described as an entirely new and undeclared war.  
The MacArthur casualty figures did not include victims of frostbite.

### Chinese Losses Higher

The headquarters report said Chinese Red forces had suffered losses 10 times greater than United Nations casualties.  
The U.S. Eighth Army, reporting the ominous massing of Red troops in the west, said larger hostile units have appeared in areas where previous action has been limited to sporadic patrol clashes.  
Fresh enemy battalions were deployed south of Kumbwa, 20 miles north of the 38th parallel. Further evidence of aggressive enemy

### Is Critical Of Canadian Youth

HALIFAX, Dec. 21—(CP)—Harry Falconer McLean, the man who loves to give money away, arrived in Halifax today with a few barbed words against Canadian youths who are "sitting around on the seat of their fancy pants."  
The 67-year-old construction tycoon, back from a big game hunt in Africa, said it was time today's youth went to work in the old fashioned way, instead of sitting around.

### Eggs Decline On Montreal Market

MONTREAL, Dec. 21—(CP)—Eggs showed a further drop on the Montreal wholesale market today following Wednesday's drop of around 10 cents.  
Today's decline ranged to around eight cents and left prices at about 38 1-2 cents per dozen. Offerings were sufficient for a cautious demand.

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### Banner Year For Island Christmas Tree Business

Prince Edward Islanders are having one of their best years in the Christmas tree business, it was learned last night from figures on tree shipments obtained from the Canadian National Railway.  
In addition to rail shipments, several truck loads have been transported to Boston and surrounding markets. The majority of the train shipments have been made to Philadelphia and nearby districts.  
16 carloads all from the Eastern section of the Province, have been exported from here by train this year. 10 carloads have been from St. Peter's, five from Murray River and one from Montague.  
Three trucks, each carrying about 1,000 trees, left from districts near Montague early this week. A truck load from near the same area was taken to Boston last week.  
Mr. Norman Nicholson of the C. N. R., believes that this year's train shipments are the highest ever made in one year. It is certainly the highest in recent years, he said.  
At the start of the season it was expected that 35 carloads of trees would be shipped to the Province. This belief was based upon the thought that there would be a scarcity of cars on the mainland.  
The trees are shipped to the U. S. A. in box cars. They are tied in to bundles with wire and each carload transports about a ton of trees. A tree in the U. S. A. sells for about \$5.00.

### U. K. Papers Blast Hoover For Foreign Policy Views

LONDON, Dec. 21—(Reuters)—Two prominent British newspapers today gave Herbert Hoover high praise for his criticism last night of United States defence policy.

### Mrs. Sullivan Charged With Manslaughter

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Mrs. Marion Sullivan, Toronto matron arrested early Nov. 19 on a charge of murdering her husband, will face an Ontario Supreme Court jury on a reduced charge of manslaughter. Formal committal will take place before Magistrate Glenn Strike in Magistrate's court tomorrow, when it is expected, defence counsel will apply for bail.  
Mrs. Sullivan has been in police custody for more than a month. Her case likely will be called before the Ontario Court at sittings here Jan. 29 next.  
Magistrate Strike reduced the charge from murder to manslaughter today at the end of a six-day preliminary hearing in which 175,000 words of evidence and argument were taken.  
After hearing a summing-up of argument by defence counsel and the crown attorney, Magistrate Strike said he might have entertained consideration of the murder charge before Dec. 6, but not after that.

### Canadian Imports Touched Highest Peak In October

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Canadian imports from the United States and other countries rose sharply to all-time peaks in October, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.  
During the 10 months ended Oct. 31, the debit balance with the United States was down "steeply" from a year ago while in trade with other countries Canada showed a slight import balance against the customary export surplus.

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### Big Step Taken In Plans For European Army

BONN, Germany, Dec. 21—(AP)—Chancellor Konrad Adenauer announced tonight "there has been a big step forward" in plans to include West German forces in the West's projected 1,000,000-man defence force against Communist aggression.  
The West German Chancellor was smiling as he left a five-hour conference at which the high commissioners of the United States, Britain and France offered their first big concession for German participation.  
A communique said the occupation powers had agreed to place their relations with West Germany "to an increasing degree on a contractual basis." This implied a sweeping away of occupation controls in return for German participation in the defence of Europe.  
Adenauer has been pressing the Western Allies for a "security treaty" to replace such controls, to lift his regime to the status of almost an ally instead of a defeated country.

### On Road To Treaty

The outcome of today's session was regarded here as meaning that Adenauer at last is on the road to getting the "security treaty."  
But it will be a long, hard null yet, toward both creation of German units, with a German share in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's international command, and increased independence for West Germany.

This was indicated in the procedure agreed upon for the negotiations on German participation, sought by decisions of the 12-country North Atlantic Alliance in Brussels this week creating an international army under Eisenhower.  
The Chancellor was assured that the Federal Government would not, in the matter of a German contribution to the defence of

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### Complete Reorganization Of Ontario Education System Is Recommended

TORONTO, Dec. 21—(CP)—The Hope Royal Commission report on Ontario education — nearly six years in the making — was placed in the hands of the Ontario Government today.  
It proposed a complete reorganization of the Provincial education system and drastic changes in the administration of school affairs.  
Mr. Justice J. A. Hope, Ontario Supreme Court Justice and chairman of the 21-member Commission, presented the 500,000 word report to Premier Frost and Education Minister Porter in the presence of 10 other members of the Commission and members of the press.  
The Premier accepted the report and a 2,000-word summary prepared by the Commission and immediately issued both for publication. Before doing so, he emphasized that implementing any changes proposed by the report was a matter which rested with the Government as representatives of the people and the Province.  
Both the Premier and Mr. Justice Hope emphasized that no member of the Government had seen the report before the official presentation today.  
Minority Report  
Four members of the Commission — all supporters of Roman Catholic separate schools — signed a minority report which took issue with the majority of the Commission's proposals in relation to separate schools. The minority also said that the majority report had not prepared any estimate of the cost of its proposals — there are 300 major recommendations — and the ability of the Province to pay for them.  
In its summary of the proposals for reorganization of the education system, the Commission proposed that elementary schools care for children up to 12 years of age that the secondary school course run for four years; and that the junior colleges offer two-year specialized vocational training courses and three-year university preparatory courses.

### Rocket Ships In Action At Hungnam

TOKYO, Dec. 21—(Friday)—(AP)—The United States navy announced today that deadly rocket ships had gone into action defending the Hungnam beachhead in Northeast Korea.  
The rapid-firing rocket ships greatly augmented an already tremendous volume of naval gunfire ringing the defence perimeter.  
The comparatively short range of the rocket ships indicated the Communists were closing in on the beachhead, to which U. S. 10th Corps Troops retired.

### News In Brief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—A Congressional committee warned today the Panama Canal could be knocked out by an enemy bombing attack and urged speedy action looking toward construction of another waterway linking the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.  
OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent told reporters tonight there may be an announcement next week about the opening date for Parliament.  
DETROIT, Dec. 21—(AP)—Yielding to a Government price rollback edict, General Motors today lifted its ban on sale of new model Chevrolet, Pontiac and Cadillac automobiles. It agreed to sell them at 1950 model prices.

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HALIFAX, Dec. 21—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here tonight.  
There were patches of cloud over the Maritimes tonight and there were a few snowflurries, especially in the eastern part of the district.  
Temperatures were mostly between 10 and 20 degrees, but at some places where skies were cloudy temperatures were still in the high 20s, and at other places where the skies were clear the thermometer went below zero during the evening.  
An area of snowflurries from Quebec is expected to spread into the Maritimes Friday, otherwise there will be little change in the weather.  
Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday:  
Prince Edward Island — Cloudy with snowflurries. Little change in temperature. Low early Friday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 10 and 28.  
High tide today at 9.56 A.M. and 8.08 P.M.  
Sun rises at 7.48 A.M. and sets at 4.34 P.M.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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