

Ginger Rogers — Dairy Maid



ROGUE RIVER, ORE.—(LOOK Photo) Lovely Ginger Rogers, business woman as well as talented movie star, is the proud owner of a 1,082 acre farm in the rich Rogue River valley of western Oregon. The farm has the latest and best dairy equipment and Ginger takes a turn with the "chores" herself—to relax the routine of Hollywood. Here she applies an automatic milking machine to a prize cow.

Railroads Face Overcharge Suits

CHICAGO, Oct. 20—Council for the nation's railroads in a brief filed today with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington asserted that contrary to Department of Justice claims of overcharges by the carriers for movement of the government wartime freight, the fact is that shipments "moved to a substantial extent upon rates far lower" than those accorded to the general public.

The Department of Justice, during the last year filed with the Commission a series of reparation claims against the carriers, variously estimated as high as 3 billion dollars. This compares to the net income of all the railroads during the 5 war years, 1941-1945 inclusive, of 3 billion 392 million dollars.

The brief set forth that any such reparation awards as are sought "would destroy the solvency of a large majority of the railroads" and directed attention to testimony "before Committees of Congress that the government saved upwards of half a billion dollars through the medium of reduced rail rates which were requested and granted".

In addition, land grant rate reductions on government traffic during the war years are estimated by government authorities to have amounted to approximately 800 million dollars, or a total of upwards of one billion dollars.

Beginning what is expected to be a protracted case, carrier council argued in the brief that the Commission deny the plea of the department of justice that the Commission hear the cases separately. The carriers contend that the cases should be consolidated — a move already ordered by the Commission when it directed consolidation and joint hearing on five of the cases.

"No invention of pleading can obscure the fundamental fact that the multiple complaints, filed by the government seek reparation on different theories in different complaints on the very same shipments," the brief said. "The handling of those complaints necessitates the presentation and consideration of identical factual evidence. It also involves the disposition of important common questions of law."

The series of cases, the brief said, constitutes an effort to repudiate the agreements by which special rates were obtained from the carriers, through a committee which was set up at the request of the government, the functioning of which was formally approved by the Department of Justice.

The brief directed attention of the Commission to the fact that the government through the medium of the excess profits tax, took away from the railroads as much as 85.5 per cent of their net earnings. "During the five war years, 1941-1945, the railroads earned a net railway operating income of only 4.97 per cent on their net investment, which return in 1946 decreased to 2.75 per cent," the brief continued. "Their increased cost of operation, coupled with heavy income and excess profits taxes, not only prevented any such excessive earnings as the petitioners have contended, but actually operated to deny the carriers a fair return, notwithstanding an unprecedented volume of business."

"What is proposed here is to compel the payment of these without regard or allowance for large sums to the government the inequity which would re-

sult from the fact that the government, through its heavy wartime taxation rates, already has received up to 85.5 per cent of the carriers' taxable income."

The brief said that the importance of these cases from a public standpoint cannot be over estimated. All who use the railroads—government, shippers, and travelers—have a vital concern.

"Whatever may be the Department of Justice's conception, or misconception, of its obligation to further the national transportation policy, the Commission is charged by Congress with the primary responsibility for the maintenance of an adequate transportation system," the brief stated.

"The Department of Justice, although charged generally with the enforcement of national laws and policies, apparently conceives that it has no responsibility for safe-guarding the nation's transportation system and can ignore the threat of wholesale bankruptcy that would face the carriers as the result of the successful prosecution of this series of complaints. Council for the

government seems to suggest that the Commission can share the responsibility of the Department of Justice in this regard by the simple expedient of considering the carriers' need for revenue to maintain an adequate transportation system only when the Commission is considering rates to be effective in the future."

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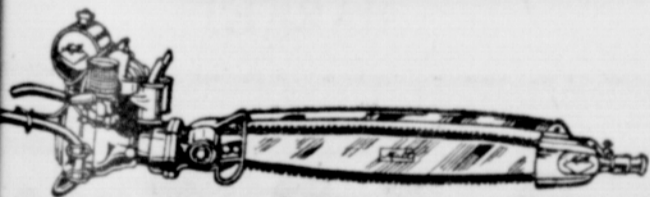
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