

# Truckers Blast Ike Policy as Aiding Trains

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WASHINGTON (AP)—A spokesman for truckers attacked the administration's new transportation policy Tuesday as leading to destruction of the motor transport industry and monopoly for railroads.

A representative of the railroads testified the policy would correct an "indefensible situation" arising from unjust government restraints applied to rail lines but not to much of their competition.

Into the transportation policy battle, developing before a House commerce subcommittee, the rival industries sent James F. Pinkney, general counsel of American Trucking Associations, Inc. (ATA), and J. Carter Fort, vice-president and general counsel of the Association of American Railroads.

As a basis for possible legislation, the subcommittee is considering a report by a cabinet-level presidential committee. This proposes to rewrite the transportation law and ease up on federal regulation of railroads and other common carriers.

**"Wanton Waste"**  
Trucker Pinkney said the committee's proposals would result in "wanton waste" and "prospective chaos," with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) compelled to "stand aside and permit carriers to bleed themselves to death if they wish to do so."

Its recommendations, he said, would lead to a "ratecutting war," with "the inevitable effect of driving the independent trucking industry out of business."

**Railroads Exempt**  
The new philosophy of regulation, the ATA lawyer said, would "seriously injure all forms of surface transportation" with the possible exception of the railroads. He said it would result in discriminatory treatment and higher freight rates for small shippers and small communities and for shippers of farm, forestry and mine products, which go mostly by rail.

Taking a directly opposite stand, Fort said the advisory committee's recommendations "are designed to lay the groundwork for a more efficient and economical development and use of our national transportation plant and in that way reduce the over-all cost of transportation to shippers and to the general public."

Even with the proposed changes, Fort said, railroads still would be required to charge compensatory rates—rates high enough to meet the costs of the services involved.

"If compensatory railroad rates would drive the trucks off the roads," he said, "it necessarily follows that trucks have no proper place in the transportation system. But such a conclusion is, of course, absurd."

# Plant Secrets Being Traced

PASADENA, Calif.—(UP)—One of the world's greatest mysteries—how plants make food from sunlight, air and water—is a step nearer solution.

University of California scientists who last year achieved the first photosynthesis outside a plant cell have cleared another hurdle in their effort to duplicate nature's trick.

Mary B. Allen, assistant research biochemist, described to the American Association for the Advancement of Science the new achievement. She told how she and four colleagues broke into chloroplasts without disturbing photosynthesis action.

"Chloroplasts are themselves highly complex entities," she said. "To make further progress we had to take them apart and reduce them to simpler units. The first step in this analysis has now been accomplished. Broken chloroplasts not only carried on the regular functions of photosynthesis but did them about six times better than whole chloroplasts."

Berkeley plant nutritionists succeeded about a year ago in taking the tiny light-converting particles out of plant leaves without damaging them. The particles—chloroplasts—kept right on manufacturing starch and sugar from carbon dioxide and water in the presence of sunshine.

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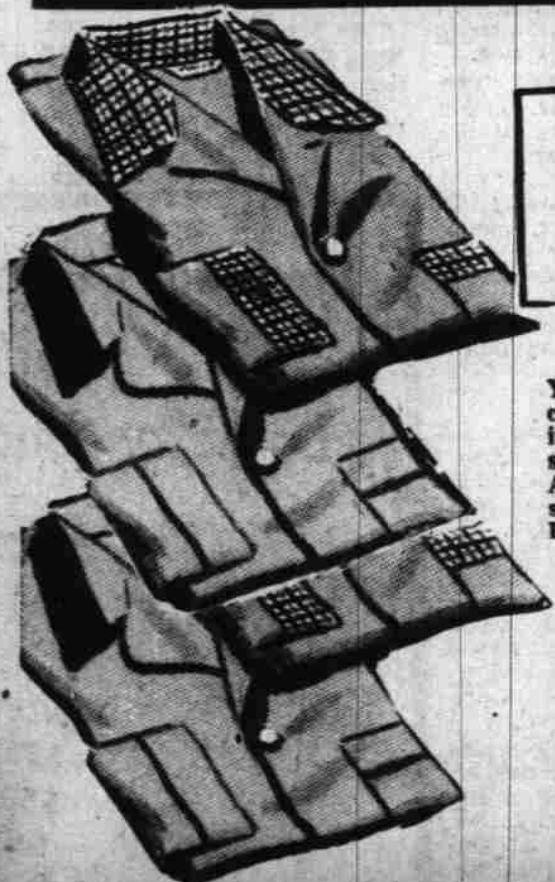
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