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**U.N. PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO DR. RHEE**

authority' of the United Nations Command. Your action referred to above violates that undertaking.

"As President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, I feel it my duty to bring to your attention the gravity of this situation. I hope and trust that you will co-operate with the United Nations Command in its continuing and determined efforts to obtain an early and honourable armistice.

"I should like to take this occasion to express, as President of the United Nations General Assembly, my profound sympathy for the sufferings of the people of Korea during the past three years, and my admiration for the valiant efforts of the R.O.K. Army in its co-operation with the forces of the United Nations. It is my earnest hope that this co-operation will continue, not only in the immediate task of obtaining the armistice but in assuring that the armistice is thereafter faithfully observed, in order that we may jointly proceed toward our common objective of the unification of Korea by peaceful means. If this co-operation were ended, it would be the Korean people who would suffer first and suffer most."

L.B. Pearson,  
President of the United Nations  
General Assembly.

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**RAIL REVENUES:** Operating revenues of Canadian railways in March rose to an all-time high for the month at \$101,045,189 as compared with \$98,512,350 in the corresponding month last year. At the same time, operating expenses climbed to \$90,556,897 from \$86,837,765, and tax accruals to \$3,150,309 from \$2,781,829. Debt on hire of equipment was cut from \$1,153,027 to \$331,373, and joint rents were down \$41,275 to \$163,555. The resulting operating income for March was \$6,884,330 against \$7,567,174 a year earlier.

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**BILLION DOLLAR SALES:** Canadian retail establishments boosted their sales over the billion-dollar mark in April, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The month's total value was \$1,015,981,000 as compared with \$935,426,000 in the corresponding month last year, bringing the cumulative national total for the first four months of 1953 to \$3,518,924,000 as compared with \$3,249,973,000 in the same period of 1952.

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**RMC GRADS FOR KOREA:** Sixteen members of the 1953 graduating class of the Royal Military College, Kingston, who received their commissions June 1 are slated for service in Korea with the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

**CRUDE OIL RISE:** Canadian crude oil production in 1952 totalled 61,103,223 barrels, an increase of 28.3 per cent over the 1951 output of 47,615,460 barrels. Western Canada accounted for about 99 per cent of the total, with Alberta yielding 58,915,723 barrels or 96 per cent of the total production. Alberta Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwest Territories all showed substantially increased production over 1951.

Most of the drilling was again done in Alberta but discoveries in Saskatchewan and Manitoba resulted in a notable increase in drilling in these provinces over that done in 1951. About 2,223 wells were drilled in Western Canada in 1952, an increase of 852 over the previous year. Of these 1,643 are in Alberta, 496 in Saskatchewan, 70 in Manitoba, and 14 in British Columbia. The Alberta completions (totalling about 6,631,529 feet of drilling) resulted in 944 oil wells, 155 gas wells and potential gas wells, and 544 dry holes. More than 175 oil and gas discoveries and indicated discoveries were made in Western Canada, of which at least 130 are in Alberta.

Further expansion of transportation, refinery, and storage facilities has increased the outlets for western Canada crude oil. This in turn has permitted a corresponding increase in production, particularly in Alberta where production potential is higher than required to satisfy currently available markets.

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**COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR:** Mr. Robert Guy Carington Smith, of Quebec City, has been appointed Commercial Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy, in Washington, D.C., where he will succeed Mr. John H. English, recently appointed Director of the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service, with headquarters in Ottawa.

Mr. Smith recently arrived in Ottawa from Paris, where he was Commercial Counsellor for Canada. With his arrival in Washington, he will have filled appointments in four major world capitals over a period of three years, having been transferred from Rome to London in 1950 and thence to Paris, where he first represented the Department of Defence Production on the Canadian Delegation to NATO, following the establishment of the Canadian Mission in 1952. Mr. Smith then took over the post of Commercial Counsellor at the Canadian Embassy early this year.

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**RADAR REFLECTORS:** Radar reflectors as navigational aids -- on buoys, lighthouses, and life rafts -- have been designed and tested by the Radio and Electrical Engineering Division of the National Research Council to assist the Department of Transport and others. This work led to the installation of radar reflectors on buoys at the entrance to Halifax Harbour, and their use has since been extended throughout Canadian waters.