

### Short-Term Subsidy Seen For Railways

TORONTO (CP) — The Star says the federal cabinet has decided to give Canada's major railways a short-term subsidy of \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 to ease the freight rate burden on the Maritimes and Western Canada.

In an Ottawa dispatch, The Star says the recent 17-per cent increase in freight rates is expected to be reduced to 8½ per cent or 10 per cent as a result of the proposed subsidy.

The subsidy will be for a 12 or 13-month period ending in December, 1959, The Star says. It would be given to the CPR and CNR on condition they reduce freight rates on commodities shipped to and from Western Canada and the Maritimes.

Wednesday night Works Minister Green, acting prime minister, emerged from a day-long cabinet meeting and said a proposal for fairer distribution of freight rates will be put before Parliament next year.

He did not say exactly what plans the government had to alleviate discrimination in freight rates.

### Fire Guided Missile From Ship At Sea

POINT MUGU, Calif. (AP) — The navy fired a Regulus II guided missile from a ship in the Pacific missile range Wednesday. The ship, for all practical purposes, was a surfaced submarine.

Its forward hull has been converted to duplicate the launching system of the Halibut, the first nuclear-powered U.S. missile submarine. The Halibut will be launched in San Francisco next month. Its skipper, Lt. Cmdr. Walter Dedrick, was aboard the launch vessel—the King County—to observe Wednesday's test firing.

The Regulus II, a 1,000-mile, 57-foot missile, was fired about a mile off Point Mugu, headquarters of the Pacific missile range. Twenty-nine minutes later it was over its target at Tonopah, Nev., after a 250-mile trip under the guidance of navy chase jets and ground stations. It landed 15 minutes later.

An attempt to launch the Regulus II from the King County failed Tuesday because of a malfunction in the ship's wiring. Success of Wednesday's firing means the navy soon will be ready—with the launching of the Halibut and other submarines of its type—to take atomic warheads through ocean depths to the shores of any enemy country.

### Seamen Will Miss Christmas In Home Ports

MONTREAL (CP) — With the coming of Christmas, homesickness haunts European seamen whose ships are inching their way down the ice-clogged Lachine Canal towards open water.

The prospect of spending Christmas away from home—possibly aboard an icebound ship—worries many of them more than frost-bite or extra duty.

"If it hadn't been for the ice we would have made it home to Hamburg for Christmas," said one young seaman aboard the German freighter Ophelia. His ship cleared the canal six days behind schedule. Ahead lies a slow voyage hampered by ice floes in the St. Lawrence River.

The Ophelia's master, Capt. Friedrich Ruehrm, said he wasn't worried about his ship's ability to negotiate the canal—it has plenty of power—but, "it's the waiting that's difficult."

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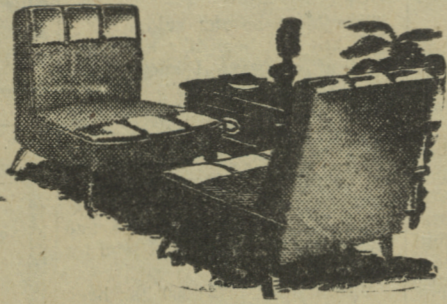
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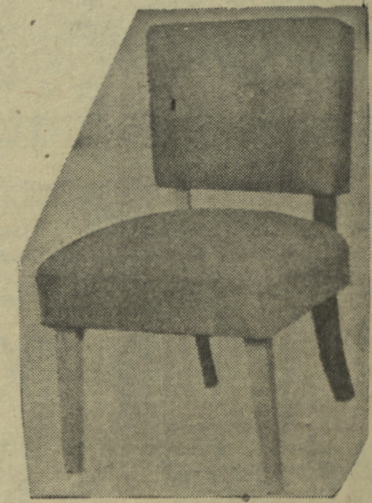
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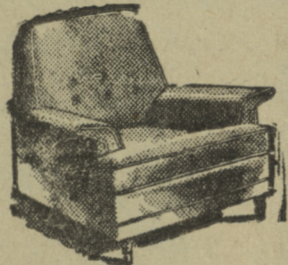
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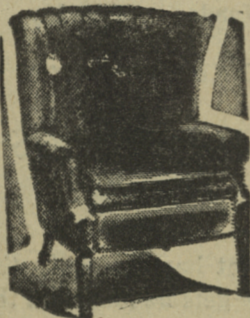


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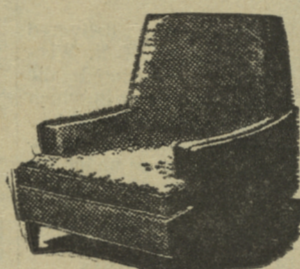
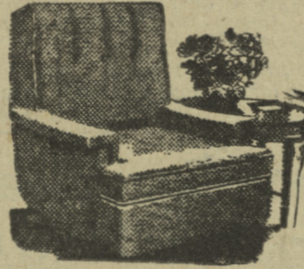
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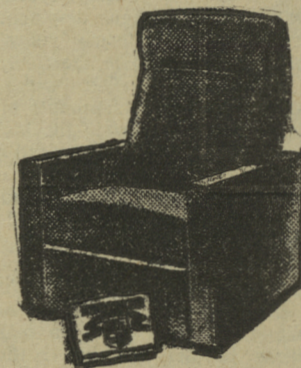
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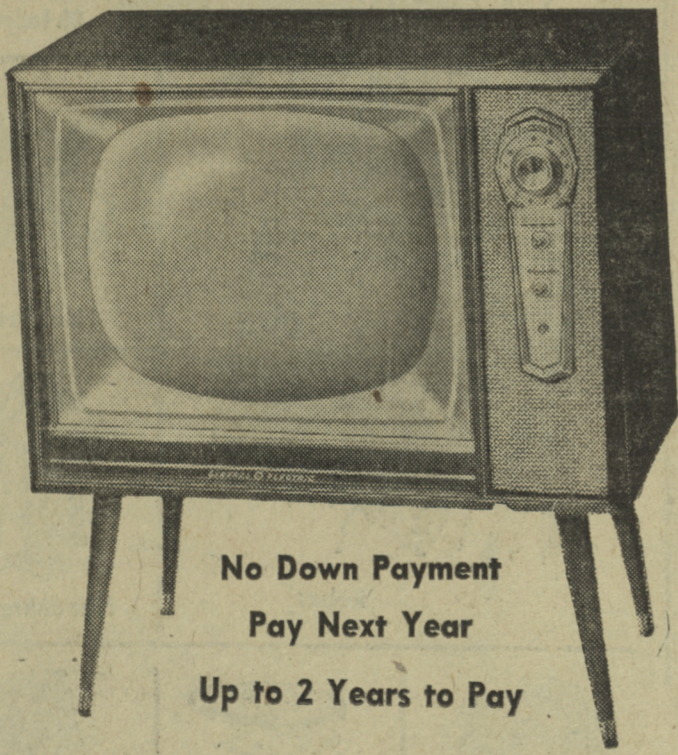


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