



## Accord Reached on Raise For Conductors, Brakemen

CHICAGO, May 27 (AP).—The Nation's railroads and the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors and Brakemen reached agreement last night on pay raises for freight and passenger conductors and brakemen.

A spokesman for the carriers said the agreement was brought about through mediation efforts of the National Railway Mediation Board through the co-operation of representatives of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

He said it was similar to the agreement reached on May 11 with the BRT, with the exception of some revisions.

The agreement calls for the present rates of pay of freight conductors and brakemen working on road freight trains to be scaled upward depending on the number of cars. It also calls for

a 20-cents-a-day pay increase for passenger conductors and brakemen. The increases will become effective June 16.

Current daily pay rates of freight conductors and brakemen will be increased as follows: 1 to 20 cars, 20 cent a day; 21 to 105 cars, 55 cents; 106 to 125 cars, 95 cents; 126 to 145 cars, \$1.20; 146 to 165 cars, \$1.30 and an additional 20 cents a day for each added block of 20 cars or less.

The agreement with the BRT also calls for a \$5 a month increase for dining car stewards. In the BRT agreement, about 44,000 road freight conductors and road freight brakemen are involved. Conductors now average \$130 a week and brakemen \$104.50. The BRT represents 81 per cent of all conductors and brakemen.

## U. N. Plea Studied On Undersea Blast

OTTAWA, Ontario, May 27 (AP).—Canada is considering taking to the United Nations the matter of underwater atomic test explosions, Foreign Secretary L. B. Pearson said yesterday.

He told the House of Commons External Affairs Committee that the subject may be taken before the U. N. Legal Committee. The government was wondering about the status of such experiments.

The topic was raised in the

committee by M. J. Coldwell, leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Party, as a result of a recent underwater atomic explosion off the United States Pacific Coast.

Mr. Pearson said the United States did not consult Canada about the test but that this country was informed shortly before it took place.

Canada expressed its anxiety to the United States concerning the harmful effects the blast might have on the fisheries, he said, but the United States had given assurance that there would be no harmful results.



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## Segregation Suit Filed in Tennessee

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 27 (AP).—Federal Court has been asked to declare Tennessee school segregation laws unconstitutional and to issue an injunction to keep them from being enforced.

The suit was filed yesterday by five Negroes denied admission to Memphis State College. They urged a speedy hearing by a three-judge district court.

The five asked for an injunction barring education officials from refusing them admittance to Memphis State solely because of race.

The five Memphis plaintiffs are Elijah Noel, 31, J. M. McGee, Jr.,

## Helen Keller Flies To Tokyo for Survey

MANILA, May 27 (AP).—Helen Keller, world-famous blind and deaf mute, left by Northwest Air Lines today for Tokyo after a one-week visit. She was accompanied by her secretary, Miss Polly Thompson.

Miss Keller, international relations counselor to the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, is on a 40,000-mile tour to survey conditions among the physically handicapped in the Far East.

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