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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, August 21 has a story on railroads.

The Federal Railroad Administrator, John Ingram, told a Chicago audience today of the Department of Transportation's efforts to revitalize railroads in the northeastern United States. Speaking to the Federal Regional Council, Ingram observed:

"Now we have too much track, too much regulation and too many people for the freight business that's there. When we have succeeded in restructuring the physical plant, modernizing the regulations and slimming down the work force -- this new railroad company promises to be among the most profitable railroads in the world.

"An important aspect of the private financing we seek for the Northeast railroads relates to the philosophy which guides the Administration in this matter. President Nixon's Administration is diametrically opposed to the creeping nationalization which has eroded the private sector throughout the world and is threatening to make serious inroads among the U.S. railroads. Allowing the Northeast railroads, a major factor in our economy, to be sucked into the federal sector, would be a first and possible fatal step in the direction of nationalization of all railroads."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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