

Trucking deregulation opposed

WASHINGTON, D.C., — The American Trucking Associations (ATA) last week issued the following statement in reaction to the proposal by the Ford Administration to deregulate truck transportation. William A. Bresnahan, president, American Trucking Associations, said: "The Administration's proposal to dismantle economic regulation of truck transportation is the ultimate in governmental irresponsibility.

"Such action would not only destroy essential stability in transportation, but would completely disrupt the nation's entire marketing and distribution system. The result would be economic chaos.

"Small shippers would be placed at the mercy of big shippers. Small communities would be placed at a disadvantage from which they could not recover. The big would become even bigger; the powerful even more powerful.

"Without adequate regulation, there would be no obligation to provide necessary service to any shipper or to any community. Preference, prejudice and discrimination between persons, places and regions would become rampant. The result would be a return to the 'public be damned' attitude which prevailed prior to regulation.

"Contentions that competition would be increased and the public would benefit are without validity. Unlike nearly every other major industry, competition flourishes within the trucking industry. There are presently 15,000 trucking companies under regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Of these, over 11,000 have gross annual revenues of less than \$500,000. Conversely, the four largest motor carriers account for only 10 per cent of the total revenue volume and the eight largest for only 14 per cent. Competition of the type envisioned by the Administration would only make the weak even weaker, the strong even stronger. The trucking industry needs more competition like Custer needed more Indians.

"It should not be necessary to remind the Administration or anyone else that the United States has the finest transportation system in the world. The trucking industry is proud to be a part of that system and of the vital role trucking has played in the economic development of the entire country. To replace experience and a proven record with theory and experiment would be the height of folly."

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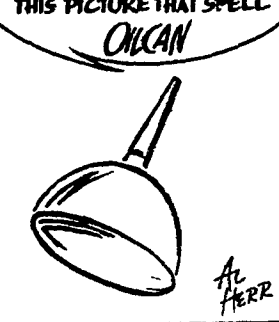
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