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The President today announced the creation of a Presidential Emergency Board No. 187 to investigate the current dispute between employees of the nation's railroads represented by the Railway Employees' Department and its affiliated organizations and the National Railway Labor Conference, after determining that the dispute could not be resolved prior to the announced strike date set by the union for 12:01 a.m., Thursday, September 4, 1975.

Named as chairman of the board was Charles M. Rehmus, co-Director and Professor of the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Michigan; named as members were Harold Weston, attorney and labor arbitrator from New York City, and Dana E. Eischen, attorney and labor arbitrator from Liverpool, New York.

This dispute threatens a shutdown of the nation's railroads. Consequently, the President invoked the Emergency Board procedures of the Railway Labor Act, which in part provides that the Board will report its findings to the President by October 4, 1975. The parties must then consider the findings of the Emergency Board and endeavor to resolve their differences without engaging in self-help during a subsequent 30-day period.

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