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C&O Railway announces the donation of twelve additional steam locomotives to Korea.

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Walter J. Tuohy, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, today advised President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea that the C&O is donating 12 more steam locomotives, making a total of 21, to his war-torn country.

Mr. Rhee, now on the West Coast ending a tour of the United States, said he was "deeply touched by this spontaneous contribution to the economy" of his country.

The C&O notified Mr. Rhee through John T. Simmons, State Department Chief of Protocol, who is travelling with the Korean Chief Executive. Mr. Simmons told Mr. Tuohy that "President Rhee has asked me to let you know that he is deeply touched by this spontaneous contribution to the economy of his country and that he cannot find words to express his gratitude and appreciation. I am sure that his entire country will share his feelings."

The C&O donated nine steam engines to South Korea on June 30, and those are now en route to the Far Eastern democracy. All the locomotives were given to Korea through the Greater Cleveland Campaign Committee of the American-Korean Foundation.

The 12 additional locomotives are all C-16 switch engines, built in 1930 with an 0-8-0 wheel arrangement. The 12 switch engines are located at points in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia.

The nine previous C&O locomotives included six switch engines and three G-5 Consolidation freight pullers. They were loaded aboard the naval transport, S. S. Edison Mariner, from C&O docks at Newport News, Virginia, on July 20 for shipment to the Far East.

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