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EDITORIAL

Ilford meeting, Tuesday November 16

At 7, Farley Drive, Seven Kings commencing at 1930. The Secretary will present a slide show depicting his recent visit to Hong Kong which will include views of former Southend Transport ex. Ribble Leyland PD3's in Hong Kong and of ex. Eastern National Beadle-Bedfords in Macau. Also included are slides of ex. London Transport XA class vehicles, of ex. Maidstone & District Leyland Atlanteans etc. etc.

Future Publications

At the recent L.O.T.S. Transport Spectacular the Secretary was fortunate to acquire copies of timetables for the early 1930's. These include Eastern National (Eastern area) (8/31 and 7/32); Eastern National (Midland area) (7/32); Westcliff-on-Sea (6/34 and 9/34); and Southend Corporation (5/34). The material in these timetables will form the basis for future historical route working publications, the first of which, hopefully, will be available at the 1977 A.G.M.

Future additions to colour photograph range

It is planned to make another addition to the colour photograph range, which will be available for the 1977 A.G.M. The range will include views of Southend Transport ex. Ribble Leyland PD3's in both Southend and Hong Kong as well as views of ex. Eastern National Beadle-Bedfords in Macau. Also to be included will be more views of Colchester Transport (including some acquired stock); views of Southend Transport vehicles on hire to London Transport; and further views of Eastern National including some modern vehicles in N.B.C. livery. If any member has a suggestion of a suitable subject which could be included in this range, please inform the Secretary by November 20.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

1777	PEV689R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	03661	Leyland National	B49F
1778	PEV690R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	03662	Leyland National	B49F
1779	PEV691R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	03663	Leyland National	B49F
1780	PEV692R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	03664	Leyland National	B49F
1781	PEV693R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	03665	Leyland National	B49F
1782	PEV694R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	03666	Leyland National	B49F
1783	PEV695R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	03667	Leyland National	B49F
1784	PEV696R	Leyland National 113510A/1R	03668	Leyland National	B49F

Delivery dates: 1777 - 9.76; 1778 - 9.76; 1779 - 9.76; 1780 - 10.76; 1781 - 10.76; 1782 - 10.76; 1783 - 10.76; 1784 - 10.76

1776(PEV688R), reported last month, is also of chassis type 113510A/1R.

Vehicles on Order

Details are now available for the 1977 vehicle order, which calls for a total of 45 vehicles. This is as follows :

30	Leyland National, 11.3 metre	to be numbered 1796 - 1825
12	Leyland National, 10.3 metre	fleetnumbers to be decided
3	Bristol VRT / E.C.W.	to be numbered 3064 - 3066

It is not certain at present whether the two types of Leyland National will be numbered in a common series or in two separate series.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.76

1308 (203 MHK)	1331 (1269 EV)	2520 (357 LPU)
1310 (205 MHK)	1345 (205 YVX)	2534 (57 PPU)
1311 (206 MHK)	1400 (215 MHK)	2535 (58 PPU)
1312 (207 MHK)	1401 (216 MHK)	2536 (59 PPU)
1317 (212 MHK)	1408 (1256 EV)	2538 (61 PPU)
1325 (1263 EV)	2507 (1852 F)	2702 (82 TVX)
1326 (1264 EV)	2509 (1854 F)	2703 (83 TVX)
1327 (1265 EV)	2516 (353 LPU)	2709 (89 TVX)
1329 (1267 EV)	2518 (355 LPU)	2721 (802 WVW)
1330 (1268 EV)		

There are now no Bristol LD's or FS's left in stock. The 2400 class is now reduced to one vehicle (2510, 236 LNO).

The six Bristol FLF6B's which recently passed to United Automobile Services Ltd., were acquired on 20.9.76, the loan finishing the previous day. The vehicles have been numbered by United as shown below :

2710 (90 TVX)	- 301	2722 (803 WVW)	- 304
2711 (91 TVX)	- 302	2743 (E00 585)	- 305
2713 (93 TVX)	- 303	2745 (E00 587)	- 306

The vehicles were repainted into United livery before entering service; whilst on loan they carried Eastern National legal ownership but this was altered to United after the vehicles were acquired. The vehicles are allocated as follows :

301 - Darlington, 302 - Durham, 303-306 - Middlesborough.

(We are indebted to V. J. Owen Esq., Chief Engineer, United Automobile Services Ltd. for the above notes)

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

9.76 2835 (LWC661C) to FLF6G

Conversions to FLF6G are being achieved by the use of Gardner units from earlier Bristol FLF6G's placed on the disposal list, and also by the use of a number of secondhand Gardner engines. When Bristol FLF6G's are withdrawn and their engines are removed, they are <u>not</u> re-engined to FLF6B before sale, they are normally disposed of engineless.

1436 (00 9544) has now re-entered service (at BD) with modified doors and destination equipment. 1435 (00 9543) is currently being dealt with.

Service Vehicles

<u>Withdrawn Vehicle</u> 9.76 0474 (WNO 474) Tree Lopper

No replacement for this vehicle is envisaged, responsibility for tree lopping now rests with local councils.

Allocations & Transfers

10.76 1421-D/L(D), 1436-CW, 1549-HH, 1766-SD, 1776-BN, 1777-D/L, 1778-D/L, 2379-D/L, 2382-D/L, 2383-D/L, 2384-D/L, 2701-D/L(D), 2705-D/L(D), 2707-D/L(D), 2708-D/L(D), 2720-D/L(D), 2724-D/L(D), 2725-D/L(D), 2729-SD, 2748-D/L(D), 2755-CW, 2805-HH, 2835-BD, 2936-D/L, 2939-BN.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

53A To be extended from Silver End (Broadway) via Boars Tye Road, Cressing, Hawbush Green and Tye Green to Braintree (Bus Park). Service to be re-numbered 353.

124 Revised terminals to be Clacton (Bus Station) and Braintree (Bus Park). Route to be as authorised to Marks Tey thence Kelvedon, Witham, White Notley and Black Notley.

141 Service to be withdrawn.

142 To be withdrawn between Basildon (Grimston Road) and Basildon (Bus Station).

155 To be withdrawn between Tilbury Ferry (Riverside Station) and Tilbury (Civic Square).

156 Revised terminals to be Basildon Hospital and Tilbury (Civic Square). Route to be via Nethermayne, Southernhay, Laindon Link, Great Knightleys, Ballards Walk, Nicholas Lane, Laindon, Langdon Hills, Horndon on the Hill, Orsett, Orsett Heath, Heath Road, Claudian Way, Waterson Road, St. Marys Road, Linford Road, River View, Chadwell By-Pass and St. Chads Road.

158/9 Services to be withdrawn.

233 (Basildon - North Benfleet) Service to be withdrawn.

249 Revised terminals to be Laindon (Rail Station) and Vange (Bardfield). Route to be via High Road, Nicholas Lane, Cranes Farm Road, Miles Grey Road, Chester Hall Lane, Cranes Farm Road, Eastmayne, Paycocke Road, Gardiners Lane, Cranes Farm Road, Eastmayne, Ashlyns, Rectory Road, Wickford Avenue, Pitsea Road, High Road and Clay Hill Road. Return as outward route reversed to Eastmayne thence Paycocke Road, Gardiners Lane, Cranes Farm Road, Chester Hall Lane, Howard Chase, Crompton Close, Lucklyn Lane, Chester Hall Lane and as outward route reversed.

254 To be extended from Basildon (Bus Station) to North Benfleet (The Brighton Run) via Southernhay, Nethermayne, London Road, High Road, Broadway, London Road, Pound Lane and Harrow Road.

255 Service to be withdrawn.

316 To be extended from Felsted (Church) to Felsted (Watchouse Green) on Mondays to Fridays.

400 Revised London Terminal to be Kings Cross (York Way/Pentonville Road). Route to be as authorised to Pentonville Road thence Kings Cross Bridge, Grays Inn Road, to York Way (setting-down point). Vehicles to proceed via York Way, Goods Way, Pancras Road, Euston Road to Pentonville Road (picking-up point outside no. 260)

The above applications would leave Tilbury Ferry (Riverside Station) unserved by Eastern National.

The following new/revised services were introduced on the dates specified, reference is given to the appropriate news sheets for further details :

85	(2.10.76)	Service withdrawn.
86	(2.10.76, NS149)	Service withdrawn.
86A	(4.10.76, NS149)	Service has been re-numbered 328.
316	(4.10.76, NS151)	
400	(10.10.76, NS151)	

Facilities will continue to be provided between Colchester and Stoke-by-Nayland (former service 85) by W. Norfolk & Sons and between Colchester and Sudbury (former service 86) by H. C. Chambers & Son Ltd.

In order to maintain road/rail co-ordination following the revision of British Rail train timings on 3 October, certain journeys on Chelmsford local services 41/A/B, 43, 44A/B, 55 and 56 and on services 74, 78/A at Colchester were revised and/or re-timed from 4.10.76.

General

The two remaining O.M.O. operated Bristol FLF's 2928/42 are to cease operation as one man vehicles at the end of October. 2928 (AVW397F) will revert to a crew operated vehicle, but the O.M.O. equipment will be retained in case of vehicle shortage. 2942 (AVW401F) is to be converted to a driver training vehicle, it will be repainted in the blue driver traing livery and will be given the fleetnumber 0401.

The SEVCON automatic transmission unit fitted to Bristol VRT 3025 (WNO545L) was modified during July.

The use of the bus bay at Romford (London Road) London Country Bus Services garage is only a temporary measure. At present Thames Weald, West Kingsdown are licensed to stand at Church Lane lay-by but do not use the facility, their stand actually being at Mercury Gardens. When their licence can be altered this will allow both service 26 and 151 vehicles to lay over at Church Lane lay-by on the Ring Road. (see also NS150)

Revised fares came into operation on 3 October. Fares from 16p to 26p are increased by 1p, and fares from 28p to 43p by 2p. 45p fares become 48p or 50p. Fares above 48p are increased by 5p.

Due to the many upheavals which have occurred to the fleet during the year, a current fleet summary is given below, this is correct at late October.

Saloons (235)

Ford R1014	: 1000-4.	5	
Bristol MW	: 1318/9/21-3/32/3/5/6/8-40/2-4/6-62, 1402/5/6/10-51.	77	
Bristol RE	: 1500-54, 1600-13.	69	
Leyland National	: 1700-5/7-84.	84	

Double Deckers (284)

Bristol KSW	: 2379/82-4.	4	
Bristol LDLX	: 2510.	1	
Bristol FLF	: 2700/1/4-8/12/4-20/3-42/4/6-829/31-5/7/8, 2841-5/8-64/74-7/84-937/9-46.	215	
Bristol VRT	: 3000-63.	64	(519)

The following vehicles are withdrawn from service and held in stock pending disposal : 1335, 1402/21, 2701/5/7/8/20/3-5/48/69. (13)

IPSWICH TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

11 RDX 11R — Leyland AN68A/1R — 7603318 — Roe — H43/29D

This vehicle was exhibited at the 1976 Commercial Motor Show at Earls Court. It was on the Roe stand.

General

51 (PPV 51), an A.E.C. Regent V was severely damaged after being in collision with a low bridge in July and is thought to have been withdrawn. Confirmation please.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

It is reported that the next batch of Daimler Fleetlines is due for delivery soon. These vehicles are to be numbered 221-30 since a continuation of the present series beyond 397 (JTD397P) would extend into the 400 series which is used by another Transport Department of the Borough.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.76 326 (7090 HJ)

Only one Albion Lowlander, 328 (7092 HJ) now remains in passenger service. It is reported that 326 is to become an overall advertising vehicle for Robinsons Barley Water.

General

Two Albion Lowlanders 327/31 (7091/5 HJ) are still in use as store/rest rooms at London Road garage.

Next month we will give details of the duties of 317-9 (KCK 879, LCK 739, KCK 920) with the China Motor Bus Co. of Hong Kong.

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