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EDITORIAL

Vacations, 1969

Will members please note that the Secretary will be on holiday from 13th - 29th September and hence correspondence received during this period will be subject to delay.

Essex Coach Tour, Sunday, 5th October

A booking form for this tour is included with this news sheet. Please book seats as soon as possible. Members should make every possible effort to participate in these tours, the successful operation of which is imperative to assist with the Group funds. Please note that bookings should be sent to M. Weyell Esq. whilst the Secretary is on holiday.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

|      |         |                |       |        |      |       |
|------|---------|----------------|-------|--------|------|-------|
| 1507 | EPUI88G | Bristol RELL6G | 3/763 | E.C.W. | B53F | 17597 |
| 1509 | EPUI90G | Bristol RELL6G | 3/773 | E.C.W. | B53F | 17599 |

Delivery dates - 1507 : 7.69  
1509 : 7.69

These vehicles do not have illuminated P.A.Y.E. signs.

Acquired Vehicles

508(BPU 21B) acquired last month has small gold fleet numbers and does not carry plates.

Withdrawn Vehicles

7.69                      2352(UEV 840)                      2354(UEV 842)

Re-engined Vehicles

We report below details of further Bristol Lodokka's which have had their Bristol BVW engines replaced by Gardner 5LW engines. These conversions presented no particular engineering difficulties. The vehicles concerned should now be classified LD5G, previously LD6B.

|               |                          |    |      |
|---------------|--------------------------|----|------|
| 2429(563 CTW) | engine ex. 2318(EJN 627) | in | 2.69 |
| 2501(1846 F)  | engine ex. 2336(TNO 690) | in | 9.68 |

In answer to members query, 2494(1839 F) has not been fitted with a Gardner 5-cylinder engine.

Allocations & Transfers

8.69      336-CN, 410-CF, 1225-CN, 1310-CN, 1319-BN, 1351-CR, 1408-BN, 1411-BE, 1505-CN, 1506-CR, 1507-MN, 1508-SD, 1509-SD, 2351-BD, 2368-CN, 2404-CN, 2405-BN, 2413-HH, 2488-BN, 2502-SD, 2520-SD, 2607-WG

Vehicles on Order

The National Bus Company orders for 1970 have recently been announced. The order for the Company is given below, full details will follow.

- 10 Bristol RELL saloons with E.C.W. bodies.
- 6 Bristol RELH single deckers with E.C.W. bodies.
- 2 Bristol RESL coaches. Bodywork to be decided.

Service Revisions

Increased fares have been applied for on certain services to co-ordinate with increased fares applied for recently by the London Transport Board. The services affected are:

2, 26/A, 30, 32/A, 40, 46, 47, 49/A, 53/153, 151/251/351, 248, 249, 252, 253, 260, 261, 262, 263, 265, 266, 309, 322.

General

The Bristol SC4LK vehicles acquired for driver tuition purposes have not yet entered service.

Although the Bristol VRT's have recently been operating on stage carriage services they are still to be seen on express service X10.

The Bristol RELL saloons delivered last month have been observed operating the following services:

CR : 105  
 MN : 95-8  
 CN : 100/1, 125, 130  
 SD : 2C, 11/A, 12, 19/A, 22A, 402

The numbers of Bristol KSW double deckers continues to dwindle, we publish below a summary and allocation of the remaining vehicles of this type.

Bristol KSW's remaining

Covered top : 2343/51/3/5-64/6-77 ... (25)  
 Open top : 2378-80/2-4/6 ... (7)  
 Total ... (32)

Allocation (8.69)

|                   | <u>Covered top</u> | <u>Open top</u> | <u>Total (s)</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Chelmsford (CF)   | 2353/67            |                 | 2                |
| B. Stortford (BS) | 2359/71            |                 | 2                |
| Brentwood (BD)    | 2351/62/3/72/3     |                 | 5                |
| Clacton (CN)      | 2364/8/70          | 2378/9          | 3,2              |
| Southend (SD)     | 2376/7             | 2380/2-4/6      | 2,5              |
| Hadleigh (HH)     | 2343/58/61/6/74    |                 | 5                |
| Canvey (CY)       | 2357               |                 | 1                |
| Basildon (BN)     | 2355/6/60/9/75     |                 | 5                |

It is anticipated that all Bristol KSW vehicles numbered up to 2365 will be withdrawn by the end of the year.

Recently published is the first brochure announcing the new winter tours operated under the ENSIGN name covering the winter 1969/70 period. The tours are operated both at home and abroad and range in duration from 3 to 12 days. Also operated are a series of 5 day Christmas tours which depart on Christmas Eve for such destinations as Lynton, Chester, The Lake District, The Wye Valley and Amsterdam. Scotland is not forgotten, there is also a 7 day Hogmanay tour departing on December 29th.

Reservations for seats on the tours can be made at the offices of Eastern National, Eastern Counties, London Coastal Coaches and also at Europabus offices in Holland, Berne and New York and also at Wilson Collins Travel in Durban, South Africa!

TILLINGS TRAVEL LTD.

Fleet Changes 8.69

Delicensed : T541

General

The National Bus Company orders for 1970 have recently been announced. There are no vehicles on order for Tillings to be delivered in 1970.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

General

The Leyland Atlanteans on order will be of type PDR1A/1.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

General

The Daimler Fleetlines on order will be bodied by Northern Counties.