EDITORIAL

Back Numbers of News Sheet

The Secretary still has available back numbers of the Group news sheet. Those available are nos. 1 - 12 (Jan - Dec 1964), 13 - 24 (1965), 25 - 36 (1966), 37 - 47 (1967), 48 - 59 (1968), 60 - 71 (1969), 72 - 83 (1970), 84 - 94 (1971). These are available at 20p per annum, post free.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Allocations & Transfers

10.72 307-D/L, 340-D/L(D), 342-D/L(D), 343-D/L(D), 346-D/L, 347-D/L, 364-D/L, 365-D/L, 385-D/L, 386-D/L, 410-D/L, 1000-CN, 1221-D/L, 1224-CF, 1508-CF, 1513-BN, 2383-D/L, 2386-D/L, 2490-CF, 2508-CF, 2708-CF, 2716-CF, 2898-CF.

Service Vehicles

0846(GBE 846) the Bristol K5G tours publicity vehicle is at present at Prittlewell in the process of being painted white to conform with the 'National' image.

Service Revisions

The following revision to services has recently been applied for:

260 Terminal points to be Blackmore, The Green and Warley, Eagle Way.

General

All of the ex-Alexander (Midland) Bristol VRT's have now been painted green. The dates of repainting are given below:

3005	9.72	PL	3010	5.72	CW	3015	9.72	PL
3006	7.72	CW	3011	7.72	CW	3016	9.72	PL
3007	8.72	CW	3012	8.72	PL	3017	9.72	PL
3008	9.72	PL	3013	9.72	CW	3018	9.72	CW
3009	6.72	CW	3014	8.72	CW	3019	7.72	CW

Many vehicles have now appeared in the new livery. The fleetnames which were affixed above the radiator grill as an interim measure are now being removed and replaced with the new fleetname in large white letters incorporating the 'National' emblem. As the new fleetnames are fitted, the wheel interiors are also being repainted grey. The original yellow legal lettering, however, is still being retained. The new fleetnames are being positioned on double deckers toward the front of the vehicle about 1 - 2 feet below the lower deck windows. On single deckers the fleetname and emblem appear above the windows on the curved roof, set slightly back from the entrance. Many single deckers have now appeared in the [illegible]sed livery, an early vehicle to be completed was one of the oldest left in the fleet, 1237 (859 ETW).

On a lighter note, a number of the interim fleetnames on the front of certain vehicles have been noted altered from EASTERN NATIONAL to FASTER NATIONAL, particularly those on elderly Bristol LD's ! Could this possibly be part of a campaign for shorter running times?

TILLINGS TRAVEL (N.B.C.) LTD.

New Vehicles

9439	VHK175L	Bristol RELH6G	4/491	E.C.W.	C42F	19855
9440	VHK176L	Bristol RELH6G	4/492	E.C.W.	C42F	19856
9441	VHK177L	Bristol RELH6G	4/493	E.C.W.	C42F	19857
9442	VHK178L	Bristol RELH6G	4/494	E.C.W.	C42F	19858

Delivery dates: 9439 - 10.72 9441 - 10.72
9440 - 10.72 9442 - 10.72

These vehicles have the latest style E.C.W. bodywork. They are in a green and cream livery, which is mainly cream and incorporates a 2' green band around the base of the vehicle. They are fitted with polarised windows and carry the Eastern

National fleetname in red. It is possible that these vehicles may be painted white before they enter service.

Acquired Vehicles 3734 CD

8736 CD	Leyland L2T	611983	Harrington	C28F	2553	new 1961
8737 CD	Leyland L2T	612033	Harrington	C28F	2554	1961
8740 CD	Leyland L2T	612144	Harrington	C28F	2595	1962
751 DCD	Leyland L2T	LO2170	Harrington	C28F	2842	1963
752 DCD	Leyland L2T	LO2176	Harrington	C28F	2843	1963
753 DCD	Leyland L2T	LO2177	Harrington	C28F	2844	1963

Acquired in 9.72 ex Southdown Motor Services Ltd., Brighton, Sussex, nos. 1736/7/40/51-3.

A total of nine Layland Leopards are to be acquired from Southdown, the remaining three will arrive in 10.72. Fleetnumbers have yet to be decided. It is probable that the seating capacity will be altered before the vehicles enter service.

Allocations & Transfers

10.72 9351-D/L, 9356-D/L, 9357-D/L, 9360-D/L, 9361-D/L, 9387-D/L, 9388-D/L.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

New Vehicles

375	GHJ375L	Daimler CRL6	66675	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7337
376	GHJ376L	Daimler CRL6	66676	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7334
378	GHJ378L	Daimler CRL6	66678	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7338
379	GHJ379L	Daimler CRL6	66679	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7339
381	GHJ381L	Daimler CRL6	66681	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7335
383	GHJ383L	Daimler CRL6	66683	N.C.M.E.	H49/31D + 18	7336

Delivery dates: 375 - 10.10.72, 376 - 11.10.72, 378 - 12.10.72, 379 - 12.10.72, 381 - 11.10.72, 383 - 10.10.72

It will be noted that the last two numbers of the fleetnumbers, registration numbers, and chassis numbers coincide.

375/6/81 entered service on 14.10.72. There are slight differences between the new vehicles and the earlier batch of Fleetlines, 348 - 73 (WJN 348-73J). The new batch have reflective registration number plates at the front but not at the rear. There is also a ventilator placed at the front of the vehicle above the top deck windows. 381/3 at least are fitted with screenwashers, but 375/6 are not so fitted. There are also other minor variations, such as revised rear light mouldings and cab layout differences.

The new Fleetlines are fitted with new destination scrolls to meet the requirements of recent service revisions. Central Station is not included on the scrolls, Southend Central Bus Station will be shown instead. It is anticipated that the older Fleetlines will also be fitted with these new destination scrolls.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.72 210 (FYS 677)

305 (OHJ 75) was demoted to a non-P.S.V. driver tuition vehicle in 7.72.

Service Vehicles

Fleetnumbers of service vehicles not previously reported are:

A.E.C.Matador	-	JXW 122	-	010
Land Rover	-	JHJ748D	-	007

EASTERN NATIONAL (MIDLAND AREA)

General

A new link between the former Eastern National Midland area and the present area of operation was made on Sunday October 1st 1972. From this date journeys on United Counties service 200 which previously terminated at Kings Cross, Pancras Road will now terminate at and commence from the Eastern National Coach Station at Pentonville Road, Kings Cross. The service involves seven return journeys on Mondays to Fridays, eleven on Saturdays and eight on Sundays. This service was taken over from Birch Bros.Ltd. and it was previously numbered 203M.

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