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EDITORIAL

Late Dispatch of News Sheet

We regret the late publication date of this news sheet, due to final repercussions of the postal strike and to a recent holiday by the Secretary. However, we hope that the extended edition of this news sheet will compensate for the delay.

Coach Tour

It will not be possible to operate a tour in May, there will therefore be only one tour this year, probably in September.

Magazines for disposal

Committee member M.L.Weyell has for disposal copies of Passenger Transport (December 1963 - December 1967 inclusive) and will accept any reasonable offer for them. Please contact him directly at 52 Ascot Close, Hainault, ILFORD, Essex. (Telephone: 01-500 5816)

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New Vehicles

1533	MHK915J	Bristol RELL6G	3/1465	E.C.W.	B53F	19230
1535	MHK917J	Bristol RELL6G	3/1467	E.C.W.	B53F	19232

Delivery dates: 1533 - 23.4.71 1535 - 23.4.71

Anticipated delivery dates for the 1971 vehicles to be bodied by E.C.W. are as follows:

Bristol RELL's: 3 each in May, July, September and December and 10 to follow in 1972. (Those for May are 1533-5 some of which have already arrived)

Bristol VRT's: 4 in September.

Withdrawn Vehicles

2012/3 (8935/6 NO) were withdrawn on 31.1.71. They were included as D/L on the February allocation sheet because at the time they were not yet sold (additional information to NS85).

Rebuilt Vehicles

2.71 2600(184 XNO) to CLD37/16FD ex. CLD37/18FD. 2601(186 XNO)

These conversions were completed before the vehicles were transferred to Tillings (see NS85).

2378-80/2 (WNO 474/5/8/83) converted as decimal training units were equipped with counters, projector and screen, heater and blackout screens. They were used at BE, BN, CF, HD, KN, and MN. They were converted back to normal in 3.71.

Re-engined Vehicles

2499(1844 F) to LD5G previously LD6B in 10.69.

2502(1847 F) to LD5G previously LD6B in 1.71 using engine ex. 2361(FJN 160).

The Bristol engines so released are being used as spares since this unit is no longer in production. A few more such conversions are envisaged.

Allocations & Transfers

4.71 306-D/L, 307-D/L, 309-CN, 340-CR, 341-BS, 343-BS, 344-CF, 345-BE, 349-BN, 364-CN, 366-MN, 367-CN, 383-HD, 384-BD, 386-CN, 407-SD, 408-SD, 409-CN, 412-SD, 1308-D/L, 1522-CR, 1526-MN, 1608-CF, 2019-D/L, 2405-D/L, 2414-SD, 2442-BE, 2461-HH, 2464-D/L, 2465-SD, 2468-D/L, 2493-BN, 2501-CF, 2531-D/L, 2536-D/L, 2537-D/L, 2793-KN, 2860-D/L.

1439(OO 9547) will continue to operate on service X10.

There are now no vehicles allocated to Wood Green which are outstationed at Kings Cross, and hence the code (K) has been removed from the allocation sheet.

Service Revisions

The following service revisions came into effect on 4th April 1971:-

30 Section of route between Leaden Roding and Dunmow withdrawn on Saturdays, all existing journeys now operated in conjunction with service 58.

46 Withdrawn on Sundays.

49 Withdrawn on Sundays.

71 Withdrawn on Sundays, service reduced on Mondays to Fridays.

72 Withdrawn on Saturdays, service reduced on Mondays to Fridays.

73 Extended from Tolleshunt Knights to Kelvedon (Railway Tavern) via Inworth and Tiptree.

253 Withdrawn between Upminster (Station) and Warley (Fords).

334 Service withdrawn. Covered by journeys on services 53 and 73.

351 Withdrawn between Romford (St. Edwards Way) and Wood Green (E.N. Depot) on Weekdays.

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for:

245 Route between Stanford-le-Hope and East Tilbury Road to be London Road, Butts Lane, Waltons Hall Road and East Tilbury Road. Restriction on picking up between Bata Shoe Factory and East Tilbury Road to be removed to allow passengers to be picked up at Linford, East Tilbury Road.

321 Terminal in Braintree to be Goldingham Drive.

Express Services

X1, X2) Revised route in Ilford to be from Ilford Hill via Cranbrook Road to
X3, X4) Gants Hill thence A12. Picking up point at Newbury Park, King Georges Hospital to be withdrawn and replaced by new picking up point at Gants Hill, Eastern Avenue, Thames House.

Principal revisions to express services planned for this year are as below:

X9 To be withdrawn. (To be replaced by new Associated Motorways service to Southend)

X10 To become limited stop service, re-designated service 400. Some additional intermediate fares are to be introduced on the Southend to Basildon section to allow for conveyance of local passengers.

X20/X45 Services to be truncated at Worthing (Coach Station, Marine Parade)

X25 To operate on Saturdays only.

X27 To be truncated at Walton (Bus Station) and operate on Saturdays only.

X28 Eastern National participation to cease.

X42 To be withdrawn (covered by existing facilities)

General

The "Tilling" fleetname is to be discontinued. Vehicles bearing this name are in process of having it altered to "Eastern National".

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

Acquired Vehicles

9600/1(184/6 XNO) were CLD37/16FD at the time of takeover (see E.N. notes and NS85).

Allocations & Transfers

Vehicles allocated to Prittlewell are shown as PL, vehicles allocated to other Eastern National garages are shown as such. All vehicles will carry PL allocation plates irrespective of garage operated from.

4.71 9362-PL, 9402-PL, 9403-HD, 9405-HD, 9406-HD, 9413-PL, 9416-PL, 9421-PL, 9602-WG, 9604-WG, 9610-D/L, 9611-WG, 9613-WG.

General

9600-14 are generally operating with small yellow transfers, similar to those used for service vehicles in the Oxxx series.

Tillings will operate excursions and private hire in addition to extended tours and shorter 2 and 3 day tours. Some of the extended tours will operate from Eastern National garages other than Prittlewell as Eastern National did in the past. Driving and maintenance staff have been transferred to Tillings.

A leaflet entitled "Short Continental Excursions and Tours, 1971" carries Eastern National name in large letters and Tillings Travel (N.B.C.) Ltd. in smaller letters underneath. The tours are numbered in a new series, 901-10 inclusive. The addresses given inside the leaflet are of interest and are shown as follows:

THE EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS COMPANY LIMITED

TILLINGS TRAVEL (N.B.C.) LIMITED

Head Office: New Writtle Street, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0SD.

Tours Department: Fairfax Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea, Southend SSO 9AF.

(Fairfax Drive is, of course, the address of Prittlewell).

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

Acquired Vehicles

1	TRJ 109	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RV3870	Weymann	B45F	new	1962
2	TRJ 102	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RV3863	Weymann	B45F		1962
3	TRJ 103	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RV3864	Weymann	B45F		1962
4	TRJ 104	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RV3865	Weymann	B45F		1962
5	TRJ 105	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RV3866	Weymann	B45F		1962
6	TRJ 106	A.E.C. Reliance	2MU3RV3867	Weymann	B45F		1962

Acquired in 2.71 from SELNEC P.T.E. (Central Division) Nos. 72/65-9. These were originally Salford City Transport Nos. 109/2-6. (N.B. SELNEC stands for South East Lancashire and North East Cheshire).

4(TRJ 104) has been noted in service during March carrying fleet number 4, being its old Salford C.T. fleet number less the numbers 10, it was in Salford livery (dark green and cream) but had Colchester C.T. fleetname and legal ownership.

The order for three new Leyland Atlanteans is to be cancelled.

Withdrawn Vehicle

3.71 12(WPU 734)

Service Revisions

The following revision to services has recently been applied for:

7 Certain additional journeys to be operated when works are open on Mondays to Fridays.
From Monkwick Estate (Bardfield Road) to Ipswich Road (Betts Factory) via service 7 to North Station Road thence via Cowdray Avenue, Harwich Road, Parsons Heath, St. Johns Estate and Ipswich Road.

IPSWICH CORPORATION

General

A new fare scale which has recently been applied for is as follows:

Up to 0.4 miles, 2p; to 0.8 miles, 3p; to 1.6 miles, 4p; to 2.5 miles, 5p, to 4.0 miles, 6p; and over 4.0 miles, 7p.

SOUTHEND CORPORATION

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.71 301(MHJ 923)
3.71 299(MHJ 921)

These vehicles had previously been used for driver tuition.

General

312(PHJ 951), the open top conversion, has reflective registration number plates, the first P.S.V. vehicle with the Corporation to be so equipped. The vehicle also has a different fleetnumber transfer, being slightly smaller than the normal type and edged in white.

346(MHJ346F) has had the registration plate removed to just below the windscreen.

202(WHJ 428) the Albion Aberdonian withdrawn in 12.69 is still in London Road garage and is being used for spares.

The new Daimler Fleetlines are expected very soon - REPORTS PLEASE.

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