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CTA's New Rapid Transit Train Makes Debut

"It was terrific--very smooth and very quiet!" exclaimed Mayor Richard J. Daley.

That was how Mayor Daley summed up the inaugural run of the first train of a new fleet of 200 modern rapid transit cars being built for the Chicago Transit Authority by Boeing Vertol company.

The four cars of the initial train are undergoing two months (600 hours) of testing in revenue passenger service prior to the start of delivery of the 196 other new cars.

Delivery of this main part of the order is expected to begin in January and extend into early 1978.

James J. McDonough, CTA Acting Chairman, announced that the new cars will be assigned to the North-South, Ravenswood and Evanston Express routes.

"Everything about these new cars is designed for passenger safety and comfort," said McDonough, in welcoming 200 guests aboard on October 6 for the inaugural run.

Among the guests were officials of the federal, state and local governments and representatives of various transportation and planning agencies, including the Chicago area's Regional Transportation Authority.

Also present for the train's debut was a delegation of Boeing Vertol executives, including Howard N. Stuverude, president; Arthur E. Hitsman, director of Surface Transportation Systems, and Fred D. Frajola, director of Surface Transportation Systems Engineering.

The 200 new cars are being built by Boeing Vertol, of Philadelphia, at a cost of approximately \$61 million.

The federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration is funding 80 per cent of the cost.



Boeing Vertol presents pictures of new CTA train and Boeing 747 for public display. Left to right are: George Krambles, CTA general manager; Howard N. Stuverude, Boeing Vertol president; CTA Acting Chairman McDonough; Arthur E. Hitsman, Boeing Vertol director of surface transportation systems, and Harold H. Geissenheimer, CTA general operations manager.

FRONT COVER: For CTA's new train, Mayor Daley and other officials receive congratulations from Louis J. Gambaccini, vice president of New York's PATH rapid transit system and representative of the American Public Transit Association. Edward F. Brabec, CTA Board Member, at lower left; Ald. Vito Marzullo, chairman of City Council's Local Transportation Committee, center, and CTA Acting Chairman James J. McDonough, upper right.

The 20 per cent "matching fund" is being provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Delivery of the 200 cars will bring to 530 the total of modern air-conditioned cars on the CTA's system. However, this is less than half of the CTA's total fleet of cars.

"We still will need 550 more new cars to modernize completely our rapid transit operations," explained McDonough, "and we are hoping to obtain further governmental funding to enable us to acquire this additional equipment at a rate of 75 to 100 new cars a year."

The 200 new cars being delivered will replace outmoded cars between 25 and 30 years old.

From the outside, the new cars are easily identified by stainless steel bodies distinctively accented by red, white and blue vinyl striping--not for this year's Bicentennial celebration, but rather as a continuing reminder of the colors of our nation and the City of Chicago.

The exterior design features of the new cars reflect the expertise of the consulting firm of Sundburg-Ferar, of Southfield, Mich.

Inside, the decor reflects the preferences of CTA riders, as determined by a city-wide survey in 1971 when public opinion was sought for new transit equipment.

The seats--similar to those of new CTA buses--have brown and orange padded cushions in contoured fiberglass shells. There are 98 seats in each pair of cars.

Also reflecting public preference are the dusky walnut woodgrain pattern of lower side walls and off-white upper walls and ceiling.

Oversize picture windows of tinted safety glass provide riders with excellent viewing and add to the overall brightness and appearance.

The interior also is enhanced by the use of modern fluorescent fixtures over windows which backlight advertising panels, provide direct lighting for reading, and highlight the window recesses.

An especially distinctive new feature is full ceiling fluorescent lighting in doorway areas.

Of major significance as an entirely new feature are sliding doors which provide 50 inches of clearance for easy boarding and alighting.

Another striking new feature is an expanded public



Nicholas J. Bosen, RTA Board member, examines antique locomotive whistle presented to CTA General Manager Krambles. Looking on, left to right, are James Kemp, RTA Board member; Ald. Wilson Frost, president-pro tem, City Council, and CTA Board member Edward F. Brabec. Standing with Krambles is Bruce Jay, Boeing Vertol public relations.

address system that makes provision for announcements to persons waiting on station platforms, as well as to riders inside.

On the outside of each car, there are four speakers --one adjacent to each doorway.

Inside each car, there are six ceiling speakers, twice as many as on present cars.

Substantially reduced noise levels have been achieved through the use of 2-inch-thick fiberglass insulation throughout the walls and ceilings of each car.

Still another new feature is the isolation of the body from the underframe by the use of rubber strips, which muffle noise as well as minimize vibration.

Vibration is further reduced through the extensive use of rubber in the construction of the car trucks which support axles, wheels and motors.

The air comfort system is designed to maintain a temperature of 72 degrees.

An entirely new two-way radio communications system on board the cars insures instantaneous contact with the CTA's Control Center.



Theodore G. Weigle Jr., Chicago Regional director of UMTA, chats with Louis J. Gambaccini, vice president of New York's PATH and APTA representative.



Motorman James Zepp and Conductor Casimer Piszczek, who operated the new train, and CTA Acting Chairman McDonough and Hugh Hegarty, financial secretary-treasurer of Division 308.

Volunteers Assure—

Rally Success

The second annual Explorer Mass Transit Rally on Sunday, Oct. 17, was a great success--thanks in substantial measure to the volunteer efforts of a large group of CTA employees and their friends.

Also assuring success of the Rally on the CTA's bus and rapid transit routes was the work of the Exploring Division of the Boy Scouts' Chicago Area Council. Helping the Exploring Division also was a group of volunteers.

Bob Heinlein, of Public Affairs, headed the CTA volunteers, and coordinated the Authority's participation. Tom Chorak, Plant Maintenance, served as Rally general chairman, and was in charge of Exploring Division's participation.

Other CTA volunteers were: Jerry Franklin, Fred Limmel, John Nimtz, Les Racker, Will Taylor and Ollie Winston, all of Control Center.

Mel Alexander, Chris Borcic, Betty Edwards, Marti Hallock, Judy Kolovitz and Eileen Neurauter of Public Affairs.

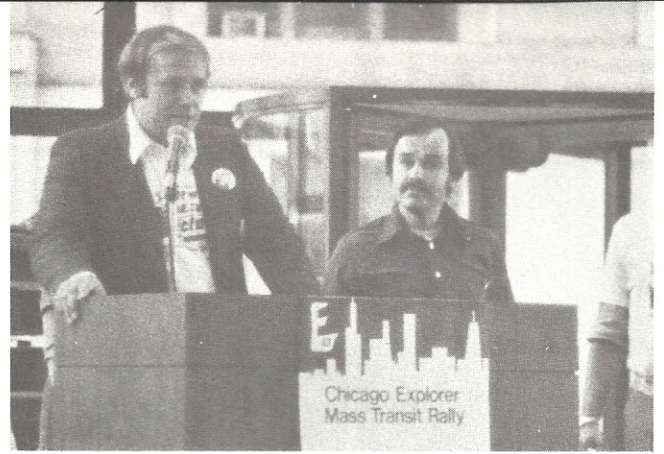
Vera Austin, Cedric Brooks and Derrick Stephens of 77th Street, Rudy Neurauter of Forest Glen, William Johnson of 52nd Street, Sy Horbach of District A, and Jim Ohse of District B.

Sue Roberts of Central Assignment and Kay Smith of South Section; Barney Keller and Bill Kenny of Plant Maintenance; Ed Evenson of Claims Law; Ray Carter of Travel Information; John Chura of Engineering, and CTA pensioner Roy Dutton.

Also, Kathryn Chorak, Mary Dutton, Paul Fortini, Jim Heinlein, Susan Heinlein, George J. Hennig, Brian Lamb and Les K. Racker, friends of CTA.

Eighty-three teams totaling 332 young men and women members (ages 15 to 20) of Explorer Posts competed in accordance with coded routings during four hours of riding on the CTA. The purpose of the Rally was to acquaint young people with the convenience and importance of public transportation. There were three overall winning teams and 13 winning teams in four categories.

The late Larry S. Provo, who died Oct. 19, chairman of the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company, was chairman of a Rally steering committee of the Scouts' Chicago Area Council. Other supporting organizations were the Burlington Northern Railroad, the City of Chicago, DeLeuw Cather & Co., Electro-Motive Division of General Motors Corporation, Griffin Wheel Company, Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, Joyce Bros. Moving Co., North Pier Terminal Company, Pullman Standard Division of Pullman, Inc., Screwball Enterprises, Sears, Roebuck & Co., Thrall Car Company, Vince Cullers Advertising, Inc., and Westenhoff & Novick, Inc.



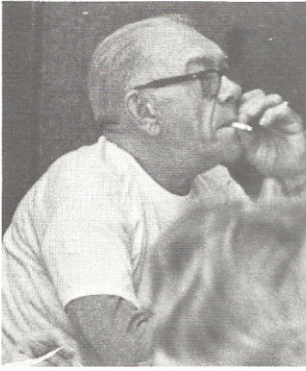
John Romanovich, Exploring executive, introduces Bob Heinlein, CTA Rally project manager.



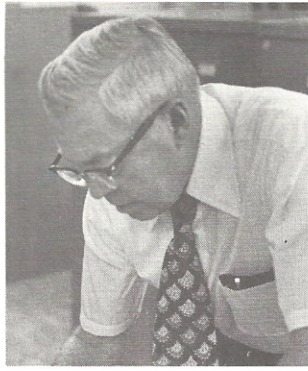
At Rally "Control," Bob Heinlein supervises two youthful volunteers, Les K. Racker (son of Control Center area superintendent) and Susan Heinlein (Bob's niece).



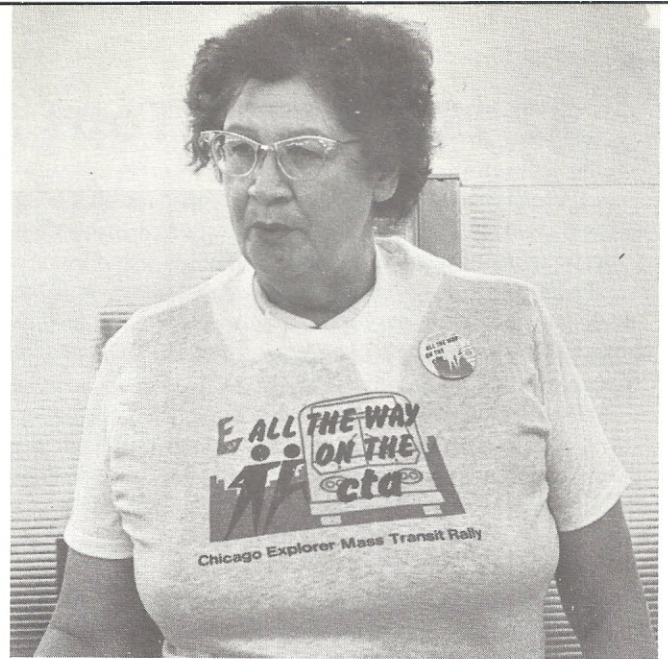
Bus Driver Vera Austin served as a check-point captain.



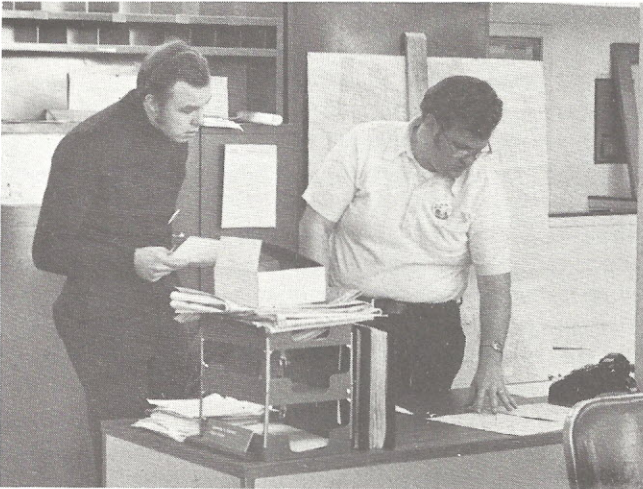
Roy Dutton, retired schedules superintendent, gets short break at scoring table.



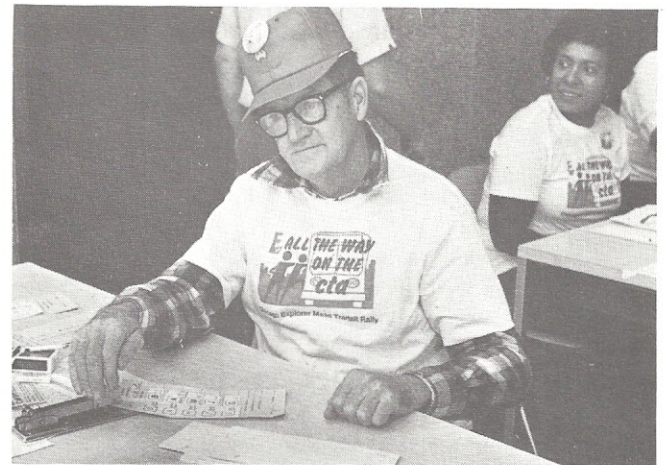
Ed Evenson was chief scorekeeper.



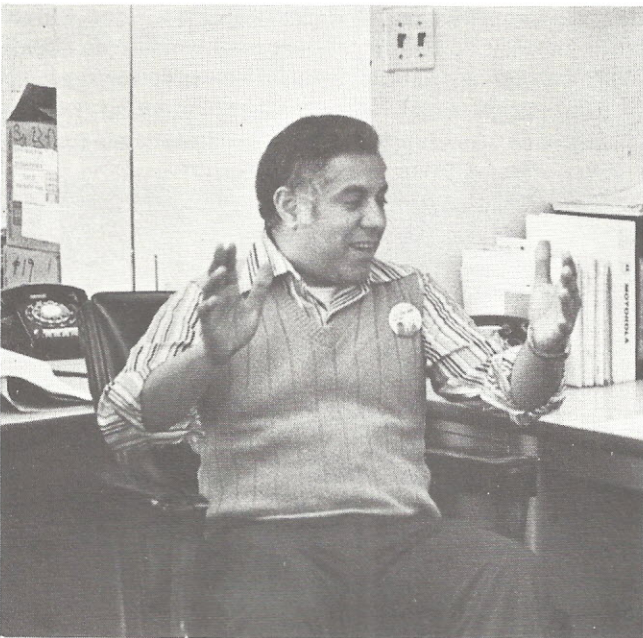
Murph (Mrs. Eileen Neurauter), a scorer at finish line, models Rally T-shirt.



Brian Lamb, of General Electric, and George J. Hennig, an attorney, served as volunteers at Rally "Control."



Bill Kenny checks in score card to be turned over to Betty Edwards at the scoring table.



Les E. Racker was in charge at Rally "Control."



CTA's Ollie Winston (right) was assisted at the final checkpoint at State and Madison streets by Joanne Brown-EI and Kenneth Barksdale, Explorer volunteers.

\$2,190 Award Tops Suggestion Winners List

A CTA blacksmith-welder was given special recognition Oct. 6 at the Chicago Transit Board meeting as a top suggestion award winner of \$2,190.

Oliver L. Ross, 36, who lives in Gary, won the award for having developed a new tool for repairing damaged bus bumpers at thousands of dollars of savings in costs.

Ross, who works at the South Shops, previously had won a suggestion award of \$240 for developing the die, which is used to reform curved ends of damaged stainless steel bumpers. Previously, that portion of damaged bumpers had to be discarded.

The earlier award of \$240 was based on the first year use of the new device. The new award of \$2,190 was based on two years of use, which resulted in cost savings of more than \$23,000.

Two other CTA suggestion award winners, Casimer Turek, 51, an electrician at the Skokie Shop, and Louis W. Drinka, 49, a South Shops electrician, also were recognized at the CTA Board meeting.



Oliver L. Ross (right), blacksmith/welder at South Shops, accepts his supplemental award check for \$2,190 from George Krambles, general manager.

Turek was awarded \$400 for a method he developed for modifying the connections of field coils used in rapid transit car traction motors. His new method reduced the number of field coils needed to be stocked for certain traction motors. His suggestion helped the CTA save \$3,300 during the first year of its use.

Drinka received a \$210 award for a suggestion to modify a standard tappet wrench used for removing and installing a relatively inaccessible brake light switch in the front of buses. His modified wrench makes it easier to remove or install this switch and lessens the possibility of damage to it.

The savings realized by the CTA using this modified tool is estimated at \$1,400.

Suggestion awards are based on 15 per cent of the net savings realized during the first year the suggestion is used and 10 per cent, upon reevaluation, realized during the second year.

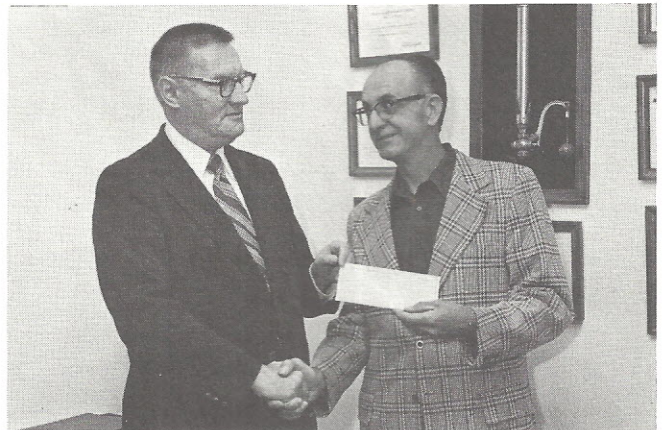
Russ Warnstedt, who headed CTA's Suggestion System when he retired about a year ago, is still keeping the pipelines filled with ideas. In fact, he recently won a merchandise certificate for one of his suggestions. So did Minnie A. Dikeman, retired ticket agent. Leon Berry, suggestion analyst, points out that all pensioners remain eligible to submit suggestions and receive awards for those that are adopted.

Another recent award winner is Mitchell P. Kitzman, equipment technician, Vehicle and Industrial Equipment Design, who received \$100 in cash and a merchandise certificate for suggesting improvement in the process of reporting of unit failures to assure proper credit under warranties.

Second honorable mention certificates and \$25 in cash awards are given to employees who have had two suggestions adopted within a year's time. Recent recipients include Keith J. Klein, bus repairman, Limits; Winscott G. Stokes, supervisor, Methods and Standards, Plant Maintenance; John F. Billis, grant accounting technician, Accounting, and Robert E. Buergermeier, steamfitter/pipefitter, West Shops. Skokie shopmen Anello DiGianfilippo and David S. Guereca shared \$25 for a suggestion they submitted jointly.

First-time winners of certificates and \$15 cash awards for suggestions adopted in 1976 are Vincent A. Fiorito, steamfitter, West Shops; James Lyons, stock clerk, Materials Management; Chester W. Jagel, who shared his award with fellow Skokie shopman Chester Green, Jr., and John T. Sara, Jr., signal helper, West Shops, who was rewarded for a similar joint venture with Patrick J. Harnett, electrical worker at Skokie. A \$10 cash award and certificate went to Regina H. Daren, secretarial stenographer, Medical Department.

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Casimer Turek (right), an electrical worker at Skokie Shops, receives his \$400 award check from Harold H. Geissenheimer, manager, General Operations.

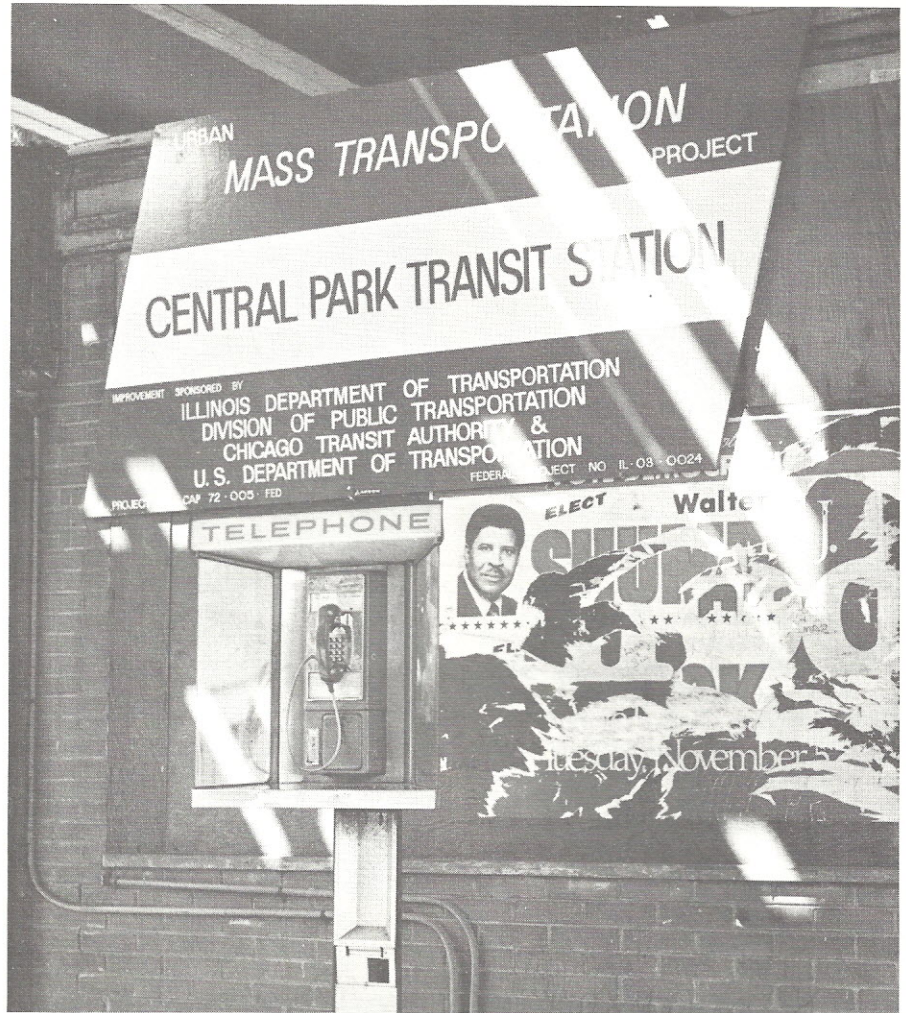
cta engineering department projects in progress

BACK IN SERVICE: Track between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr, North Mainline, has been returned to service following the completion of track one renewal. Work included the installation of new 115 pound continuous weld rail, new ties, fastenings and ballast. Track two was taken out of service between the crossover south of Lawrence and the temporary crossover south of Bryn Mawr. A temporary platform extension was erected at the north end of the Bryn Mawr station to facilitate operations.



NEW TRACK: CTA's structure track renewal program on the Douglas route between Congress and Keeler is continuing on schedule. Work on this running rail and guard rail of the east-bound curve at Wood Street south of 18th Street station was completed on a Sunday. It was the first installation of 115 pound running rail with 115 pound side guard rail. The change to new rail sections was prompted by the difficulties engineers encountered as they tried to get smaller rail sections. New rail guard braces needed for the job were designed by the CTA Engineering Department.

STATION REPLACED: After 70 years of service the Central Park rapid transit station is being replaced. Construction began in late August and is scheduled for completion by next April. An existing narrow passage is to be converted to a brick walled enclosure open to the street. The new station is being extended nearly 100 feet eastward and a second exit is planned. Additional facilities slated for the site include benches, public telephones and a new canopy to offer protection from inclement weather.



WIDEN DOORS: Construction is underway at Archer Garage to widen doors originally designed to accommodate streetcars. The doors are considered hazardous to CTA personnel and a threat to equipment. A new design includes pedestrian doors and is expected to reduce costs to CTA buses as well as garage doors.

Nation's New Voice for Transit

McDonough Elected APTA Chairman

James J. McDonough has become the nation's chief spokesman in behalf of urban mass transportation as a result of his election to the chairmanship of the American Public Transit Association.

His election as APTA chairman took place Oct. 18 at the opening session of the association's annual meeting in San Francisco.

As APTA chairman, McDonough, who is CTA acting chairman, succeeds Dr. William J. Ronan, chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and former chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority of New York, who had served as the APTA chairman the last several years.

With more than 300 systems as members, APTA represents the transit industry in the United States, Canada and Mexico. More than 90 per cent of public transit riders in the United States are carried by the system members of APTA, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

McDonough, who also is president of Murphy Engineering, Inc., Chicago-based engineering firm, was appointed to the Chicago Transit Board last December by Mayor Daley, and was elected CTA Acting Chairman in February. His term with the CTA extends to Sept. 1, 1980.

Prior to his appointment to the CTA Board, McDonough had had extensive public service in the transportation field. From 1969 to 1974, he served as commissioner heading the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation, which is the second largest department of city government and which, among many activities, includes the Bureaus of Streets and of Street Traffic, both of which have close working relationships with the CTA.

He joined the Department of Streets and Sanitation in 1958 as an administrator for the Chicago Skyway, for which he subsequently was manager. In 1964, he was promoted to first deputy commissioner of the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

In his position as the new APTA chairman, McDonough will serve as the association's chief ex-



McDonough

ecutive officer and preside at meetings of the association and its board of directors. Among other duties, he will appoint standing committees and special committees.

As the nation's chief spokesman for transit, he will be in the leadership role in the formulation of transit legislation, and will represent the industry before Congressional committees and other groups.

At the APTA meeting in San Francisco, McDonough set forth the following 10-point action program for the coming year:

- Revise federal programs to accommodate growing financial needs in the industry.

- Develop a clearly stated rationale for public funding of transit capital and operating costs.

- Establish the concept of urban transportation system management as a means of maximizing public transit effectiveness, efficiency and productivity.

- Establish the role of public transit agencies as participants in the cooperative urban transportation planning process.

- Enlarge the transit financial management function of public transit operators to provide information to policy makers and transit managers.

- Increase and improve the forums for transit industry communications.

- Develop and implement rail technology improvements to advance the state-of-the-art of rail design, construction, operations and procurement.

- Develop and implement bus technology improvements to advance the state-of-the-art of bus design, operations and procurement.

- Analyze forms of new technology transit to determine their appropriate applications.

- Explore means of improving transit's operating environment.

VISITS

The world beats a continuous path to CTA's door. Chicago's global reputation as having the best in urban public transportation systems brings important visitors to examine how CTA works. Here are a few recent examples.



In the photograph at right, George Krambles, CTA general manager, welcomes Louis Guieysse of Paris, director general adjutant of the Regie Autonome des Transports Parisiens. Later, at Jefferson Park terminal, Krambles joins Harold Geissenheimer (left) in orienting visitors Andre Jacobs, secretary general of UITP Brussels (left) and Roger Belin, board chairman of RATP - Paris.





Transit engineers from the Soviet Union descend stairs of Dearborn subway for trip on Kennedy route. A. Ponomaryov (dark suit with badge), who headed the delegation, is chairman of USSR Urban Transport Working Group, and I. A. Molodikh (white hair) is head of the Urban Transportation Department. Charles Graves (extreme right), is with the U. S. Urban Mass Transportation Administration, sponsor of the tour, and Wayne Dunham (behind Molodikh), who coordinated the Chicago visit, is with the Regional Transportation Authority. In left picture below, Arturo Polese (left), president of the Naples, Italy, transportation agency and director of the Department of Transportation Economy at the University of Naples, visits with CTA's Krambles and James Stewart (center) director of equipment engineering. From Australia, below, came (left to right at table) Kevin E. Gill, passenger transport manager, New South Wales Public Transportation Commission; Donald Burton, Federal secretary, Transit Officers Federation; K. W. Newton, the commission's director of marketing; and Jack Maddox, state secretary, Railways Union. The visitors conferred with Messrs. Krambles, Geissenheimer, and Tom Buck, manager of public affairs, in the general manager's office, and inspected some of CTA's recent literature.



commendation corner

"My sister, who has trouble walking, and uses a cane, had no trouble boarding or leaving the bus," writes Mrs. Marie Eder, of West Berenice avenue, about her ride on a 152 Addison bus driven by Ramon Rodriguez, North Park Garage. "There were other older ladies on the bus also, and they really appreciated it when he drove right up to the curb. It was no difficulty to get off....I'm sure my sister would ride buses more often if all drivers were as courteous."

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"Thanks to the splendid cooperation of your lost and found organization, I was able to retrieve a collapsible umbrella I inadvertently left on the seat of a southbound 'A' train," says Kurt Mullerheim, of Custer avenue, Evanston. "I was impressed by the efficient and courteous service, both over the phone and in person, given me at your Ashland terminal, and would like especially to commend conductor Martin Cunnane (South Section), who picked the umbrella up after I left the train and then promptly turned it in at the terminal."

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Mrs. Marie H. Taaffe, of East Cedar street, considers driver Willie L. James, North Park Garage, an asset to the CTA. She said her recent ride to Union Station aboard his 151 Sheridan bus was "most pleasant" because "he called out each street, answered all questions, said 'thank you' as each passenger deposited his or her fare, and said 'watch your step carefully' to everyone getting on or off. He stopped right in front of the entrance on Canal street."

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"I have the pleasure of riding on his bus every morning," says Mrs. Mary Crites, of West 56th street, about a 54B South Cicero run driven by Donald R. Mitchell, Archer Garage. "He is always there on time and is very nice to all riders. He waits for them if he sees them running for the bus. He never speeds or drags along, and always gives a smooth ride. All in all, he makes going to work in the morning a little more pleasant and enjoyable."

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When a service delay developed one morning at the Jefferson Park station, says Mrs. Irene Witkowski, of West Leland avenue, "Many of us boarded a Milwaukee bus and were treated in a most courteous manner by the driver (Joe D. Hudgins, Forest Glen Garage). He really made the day for the passengers. When people were leaving the bus at various Loop stops, most of them thanked him for the way he conducted himself."

Balazs Advanced To Superintendent; Other Promotions Made



Gordon J. Balazs

Gordon J. Balazs, a CTA veteran with 29 years of experience, has been appointed district superintendent of the Central Bus District. His new area of responsibility is bounded by Grand avenue, Halsted street, Taylor street and the lake.

Balazs, who is 50, became a bus driver in 1947. After driving both motor and trolley buses for 12 years he was

named a bus supervisor. For the past two years he has served as assistant district superintendent in all bus districts and as an acting area superintendent.

He and his wife, Georgiana, live in Streamwood with their daughter, Laura. Their two other children, Linda and Christopher, are married.

Norman G. Oswald, former schedule maker in the Schedules Section, Operations Planning, has been appointed supervisor, Schedule Processing, in the same department. His job involves working with the director, Schedules, setting specifications for new schedules on both surface and rapid transit routes.

Oswald, 38, joined CTA in 1962 as a graduate trainee, after receiving a degree in industrial engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He has served as senior transit analyst, Research and Planning, and also as a statistical assistant with the Institute for Rapid Transit, now part of the American Public Transit Association. Oswald lives in Addison with his wife Kathleen, son Timothy, and daughters Jo Ellyn and Jennifer.

In other job reassignments, Joseph Ward, Jr., former assistant day foreman, Maintenance, Kedzie, has been named unit supervisor, bus garage, Maintenance, South Shops, and Carl Kempka, acting unit supervisor, Power Operations, Plant Maintenance, has become unit supervisor, Electrical Testing, in the same section.

Mohammed Khan, engineer, Methods and Standards, Vehicle Maintenance, is now engineer III in the same section, and Bernard Greig, former electrical engineer, Plant Maintenance, has been reassigned as electrical design engineer III, Engineering.

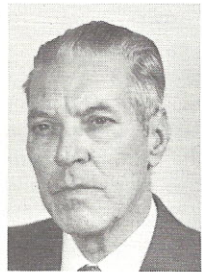
Recently advanced from stock clerk I to stock clerk II in Stores, Materials Management, are James McMahon, Thomas Marasovich and (Continued Page 14)

Service anniversaries in October

40 years



N. Lewis
South Shops



F. J. Mommsen
Print Shop



J. R. Wexelberg
Internal Auditing

35 years

D. Bakotich, Track
S. R. Cicero, Rail Veh. Shops
W. C. Crosse, South Shops
R. R. Ellison, North Avenue
W. H. Fredericksen, North Avenue
J. C. Gritis, Adm. Services

H. J. Hess, Archer
W. J. Hill, Support Services
E. F. Kuklewicz, Forest Glen
A. Mulvaney, North Section
D. F. Napoleon, Forest Glen
N. V. Papke, North Avenue
W. J. Parrillo, Budgeting
A. R. Richter, Rail Veh. Shops
A. J. Salkas, South Shops
R. E. Zajac, South Shops

30 years

F. E. Barker, Oper. Planning
W. H. Both, Forest Glen
F. W. Christensen, West Section
B. D. Dean, 52nd Street
R. A. Frale, 69th Street

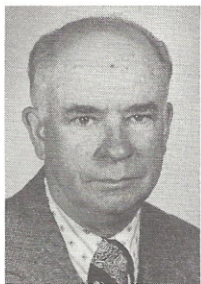
R. B. Holmes, 52nd Street
H. E. Izzo, Foster Maint.
E. F. Lewon, Forest Glen
J. B. McGill, Beverly
E. H. McMahel, Personnel Adm.
T. F. O'Rourke, Claims Law/R.E.
J. Stumpf, Control Center
P. J. Vitale, Forest Glen
T. Vujnovich, South Shops

25 years

P. Abrams Jr., District B
G. Barron, Maintenance
J. W. Bosacki, Claims Law/R.E.
E. L. Burkett, Instruction
F. R. Chiappetta, Rail Veh. Term.
J. O. Cooper, 77th Street
S. Dobek, Kimball
R. J. Edward, 77th Street
F. J. Egger, Rail Veh. Shops
H. Gandy, 77th Street

J. J. Gavin, Beverly
D. R. Heaney, North Park
E. Hendree, Maintenance
R. Kelly, Maintenance
A. McCormick, 77th Street
R. McMillian, Maintenance
C. T. Newman, South Shops
E. A. Reynolds, Rail Veh. Shops
W. B. Scott, Schedules
W. R. Strickland, 77th Street
J. L. Washington, Maintenance
M. Washington, 52nd Street
C. L. Whitman, Kedzie

NEW PENSIONERS



JOINING THE ranks of the retired on October 1 was FRANK J. CUNNINGHAM, assignment clerk, Claims Law/Real Estate, who had more than 42 years of service.

TED J. BARGER, Transfer Counter, Comptroller, Emp. 9-10-46
EDWARD T. CHAPLESKI, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 10-03-42
FRANK J. CUNNINGHAM, Assgmt. Clerk, Claims Law/Real Estate, Emp. 8-02-34
HARRY E. DIEHL, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 4-14-41
THOMAS D. KELLY, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-18-46
ROBERT B. KESSLER, Operator, North Park, Emp. 7-24-41
MICHAEL J. SPERANDO, Operator, North Park, Emp. 11-20-51
KENNETH J. STEPPS, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-03-41

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

DONALD L. BABER, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 6-13-57
HOMER E. BARRON, Operator, Archer, Emp. 4-17-58
ZITA M. DOUBLIN, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 12-11-65
HERBERT N. PROFIT JR., Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 1-09-69
ERNEST E. TURNER, Collector, Archer, Emp. 7-01-48

Suggestion Awards (Continued)

Frank E. Sprovieri, carpenter at South Shops, won a supplemental \$25 award for his previously adopted suggestion that the window-locking devices for 100 to 300 series buses be obtained from 1000 to 7400 series vehicles.

Honorable mention merchandise certificates were given to South Shops employees Alexander F. Andrulis, machinist leader; William J. Klimas, tire repairman; Kenneth R. Pott and Jeff Jankus, painters, and

Edward D. Gertz, machinist.

Moses J. Price, bus driver, and Louis F. Warmack, bus repairer, both at 77th St., also won certificates, as did Daniel Sagel and Ernest Guedel, Jr., who hold corresponding positions at Forest Glen. Other winners were Fred H. Zimmerman, rail service supervisor, Rail District North; David Wilson, TABEC garage instructor; Albert F. Banis, procurement analyst, Purchasing; Bernadette A. Kizior, stenographer, Engineering, and Anit Leppiks, community news representative, Public Affairs.

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 PAUL W. BLOCK, 92, West Section, Emp. 3-17-04, Died 7-26-76
 EDWARD W. BRODD, 64, Limits, Emp. 1-09-36, Died 8-09-76
 GEORGE H. BUGASCH, 68, North Section, Emp. 1-06-47, Died 8-14-76
 JOSEPH BUTERA, 34, South Shops, Emp. 10-11-71, Died 8-05-76
 GEORGE J. BUTLER, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 1-27-20, Died 7-11-76
 JOHN J. BYRNE, 91, North Avenue, Emp. 8-06-13, Died 8-30-76
 PAUL CACCIATORE, 74, Engineering, Emp. 4-21-29, Died 9-01-76
 PATRICK CARNEY, 79, South Shops, Emp. 8-25-42, Died 8-02-76
 ELVIS CHRISMAN, 54, North Park, Emp. 6-11-46, Died 9-15-76
 JAMES CONNOR, 85, North Section, Emp. 5-29-44, Died 7-02-76
 LEAVY CRAIG, 35, Kedzie, Emp. 8-29-66, Died 7-01-76
 LOUIS DANZICO, 67, Engineering, Emp. 9-18-29, Died 7-04-76
 GEORGE H. DECKERT, 83, North Avenue, Emp. 9-18-17, Died 6-28-76
 WILLIAM P. DROESSER, 75, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-27-28, Died 8-19-76
 VITO FICARELLI, 97, Way & Structures, Emp. 9-02-27, Died 8-10-76
 ERNEST H. FIFER, 80, 77th Street, Emp. 10-09-19, Died 8-12-76
 MARTIN FLANAGAN, 58, Purchasing, Emp. 5-21-46, Died 9-25-76
 ALEXANDER R. GASICK, 61, South Shops, Emp. 7-03-43, Died 8-06-76
 JOHN GIBBONS, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 8-10-26, Died 8-07-76
 DENNIS GRIFFIN, 74, 69th Street, Emp. 4-07-26, Died 7-28-76
 WILLIAM H. GURITZ, 88, Skokie Shop, Emp. 6-08-44, Died 7-24-76
 PAUL C. HANSEN, 66, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-12-36, Died 8-17-76
 DONNELL HARDEN, 33, Archer, Emp. 1-09-69, Died 8-29-76
 JAMES J. HARDIN, 84, 69th Street, Emp. 9-21-18, Died 8-04-76
 FRED HARRIS, 80, West Section, Emp. 9-26-27, Died 7-31-76
 ANITA M. HEANEY, 61, North Section, Emp. 5-28-37, Died 7-09-76
 ROBERT HICKS, 26, 77th Street, Emp. 11-12-74, Died 9-08-76
 WILBUR E. HOLMES, 64, West Section, Emp. 12-03-29, Died 8-02-76
 WILLIAM B. HORNKOHL, 76, 52nd Street, Emp. 10-24-23, Died 7-14-76
 JOSEPH M. HOWE, 71, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-03-34, Died 7-20-76
 RALPH HUIZENGA, 73, District A, Emp. 6-19-43, Died 9-06-76
 FRANK A. IACONO, 54, South Shops, Emp. 3-04-63, Died 8-07-76
 RAYMOND JABLECKI, 60, North Section, Emp. 10-09-45, Died 9-07-76
 JOSEPH T. KANTON, 80, 69th Street, Emp. 9-16-18, Died 7-05-76
 JEROME KRUEL, 26, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-16-72, Died 9-05-76
 SUMMIE LOTT, 37, 77th Street, Emp. 11-25-66, Died 9-23-76
 CASEY LUSK, 62, 69th Street, Emp. 7-23-50, Died 8-30-76
 THEODORE R. MARTIN, 70, Lawndale, Emp. 8-17-36, Died 7-25-76
 AUGUST J. MISCHKE, 70, Wilson, Emp. 11-16-50, Died 8-12-76
 FRED D. MURBARGER, 69, North Avenue, Emp. 10-15-26, Died 7-02-76
 STANLEY NIZNIK, 89, Way & Structures, Emp. 2-17-22, Died 7-01-76
 EUGENE O'ROURKE, 81, District A, Emp. 11-20-26, Died 7-15-76
 ALBERT W. OTTO, 95, Archer, Emp. 4-25-13, Died 7-07-76
 CHARLES K. PARK, 70, Electrical, Emp. 8-02-44, Died 7-26-76
 JOHN J. PAVELEC, 64, South Shops, Emp. 12-04-53, Died 8-03-76
 MILES PINDAK, 59, South Section, Emp. 10-28-42, Died 8-15-76
 MARTIN POPELKA, 80, West Section, Emp. 2-07-42, Died 8-19-76
 WILLIAM PROUDFOOT, 76, 77th Street, Emp. 2-26-27, Died 8-18-76
 ARTHUR O. RICHTER, 75, Stores, Emp. 3-02-27, Died 7-12-76
 EDWARD L. RIHA, 58, Kedzie, Emp. 1-26-61, Died 7-31-76
 ROBERT SCHEFKE, 60, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-21-41, Died 8-11-76
 MICHAEL SHANAHAN, 55, Claims Law/Real Estate, Emp. 5-15-46, Died 7-13-76
 JOHN A. SHERIDAN, 52, Stores, Emp. 9-24-53, Died 7-21-76
 PETER SINSKY, 94, West Shops, Emp. 11-10-09, Died 8-01-76
 ERNEST SIVELS, 47, Kedzie, Emp. 12-21-53, Died 7-14-76
 SIDNEY R. SMITH, 78, West Section, Emp. 2-23-16, Died 8-11-76
 ALVIN STARKS, 61, South Section, Emp. 5-01-51, Died 8-07-76
 GEORGE STEIGELMAN, 60, North Section, Emp. 3-23-43, Died 7-06-76
 DAVID S. STENBRO, 78, North Park, Emp. 4-15-29, Died 8-19-76
 RICHARD J. STYLES, 79, Devon, Emp. 7-28-21, Died 7-12-76
 GEORGE J. THOMSON, 80, Devon, Emp. 10-22-24, Died 8-27-76
 SAM TURCO, 83, Way & Structures, Emp. 7-01-18, Died 8-25-76
 EMIL J. VLACH, 88, Kedzie, Emp. 7-05-17, Died 8-25-76
 CLINT F. WELLS, 72, Kedzie, Emp. 2-02-44, Died 8-28-76
 FRANCIS WILEY, 53, 77th Street, Emp. 12-20-48, Died 9-11-76
 DAVID WINSTON, 47, South Section, Emp. 5-31-57, Died 8-03-76
 FRANK G. ZACK, 75, Howard, Emp. 10-20-43, Died 8-12-76
 CONNIE ZLJEWSKI, 54, North Park, Emp. 9-18-47, Died 7-05-76

Promotions (Continued)

Fred Krawczyk. New stock clerks I are Maurice Latham, former bus serviceman, 52nd St.; David Knoerr, laborer, Stores; Michael Reynolds, clerk II, Stores; Henry E. Farley, laborer, South Shops, and Gregory Daniels, driver, Kedzie.

In Management Services, Victor Szymkewicz, former travel information representative II has become senior travel information representative, while positions for travel information representative I have been filled by Clenter Purnell, janitor, Plant Maintenance, and drivers Raymond Wilson, North Park, and Dianna Doyle, 77th St. Levell Kimble, former driver, North Ave., is now duplicator operator, Administrative Services.

New unit exchange clerks in Maintenance at South Shops are Philip Purdie, former bus driver, 69th St., and Charles Haynes, laborer, South Shops. Leroy Hamilton, former shop tractor operator at Skokie Shop, is now a unit exchange clerk at that location.

Also in Maintenance, Martin Venticinq, former car serviceman, Forest Park, has been named machinist apprentice, Skokie Shop; Eddie Richards, bus driver, 77th St., has become laborer,

Vehicle Maintenance, and Toby Warmack, motorman, West Section, has been reassigned as bindery worker, Bus Shops. Newly assigned to Rail Vehicle Shops as electrical worker is Zdravko Lahciov, former car repairman, Kimball; and, as production clerk, Joseph Ficarella, former combination clerk, Wilson.

Now serving as station clerks, Transportation, are former drivers Michael Grubbs, 69th St.; Johnnie Haney, Kedzie; John Farris, North Park; Augustus Bertha, Limits, and Curtis Burnett, Archer. Another new station clerk is George Reed, former ticket agent, South Section. In other Transportation changes, former West Section conductors Kenneth Manuel and Ronald Seno were named yard foremen.

Alton Norris, traffic checker, Operations Schedules, is now traffic clerk, Operations Planning, and in the same department, William Reynolds, traffic planning technician, has become transit technician.

In Claims Law & Real Estate, Susan Grecnik, former secretarial stenographer I, has been reassigned as secretarial stenographer II, and Ann Markiewicz, former clerk/typist, Materials Management, has been named typist I. In the Data Center, Barbara Licata has moved from clerk/typist to records coordinator.



Time out

Things to do in the Chicago area

with Anit Leppiks

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--Ensor, a comprehensive retrospective exhibition of more than 200 paintings, prints, and drawings by the Belgian artist James Ensor (1860-1949). Outstanding loans from European and American museums and private collections include the famous gigantic painting, "The Entry of Christ Into Brussels." First such exhibit of Ensor in U.S. since 1951, thru Jan 3, Morton Wing. Constructivism In Poland, 1923-36. 20th Century Polish paintings, sculptures, photographs, and graphic art include works by Strazewski, Hiller, Kobro, and Strzeminski, thru Jan 9, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery. Ukiyo-E Prints by Kitagawa Utamaro (1753-1806), known as a Bijin-ga (pictures of beautiful women) artist, and is considered the greatest artist in Ukiyo-e. Photographs by Edouard Boubat thru Jan 9, Lacy Armour Gallery. T'Ang Dynasty Pottery from the permanent collection, continuing, Gallery 116. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat from 1000-1700; Thurs from 1000-2030 (free); Sun, hol from 1200-1700. Junior Museum closes ½ hr. earlier daily. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, seniors, 50¢. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

AUDITORIUM THEATRE--Pete Seeger with Studs Terkel, Nov 19 at 2000. Naughty Marietta Nov 21 at 1500. Frank Zappa Nov 23 at 2000. 70 E. Congress. WA 2-2110.

CHICAGO CITY THEATRE COMPANY--"The Stronger" and "Creditors" thru Nov. \$3.50. Joel Hall Dancers Dec 10-12. 410 S. Michigan. 663-3618.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Chicago: Creating New Traditions exhibit, continuing. Mon-Sat from 0930-1630, Sun from 1200-1700. Adults, \$1; children (6-17), 50¢; seniors, 25¢. Clark at North. 642-4600.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY STRING QUARTET in concert Dec 12 at 1500, Chicago Public Library Cultural Center. Free. Washington at Michigan.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY--Subscription Concerts: Bartok, Brahms; Carlo Maria Guilini, conductor, Nov 18-20. From \$7. Mozart, Bruckner; Guilini, conductor. Nov 24, 26, 28. Artist's Series Concert Nov 28 at 1930. Perisichetti, Debussy, Malipiero, Rousel. \$3. Orchestra Hall, 220 S. Michigan. 427-7711.

DE PAUL UNIVERSITY--Soccer Club vs North Park College Nov 16 at 1100, James Park, Evanston. Artist/Faculty Series concert Nov 29 at 2015, Center Theatre, 25 E. Jackson. University Concert Band Nov

31 at 1500, UC Cafeteria, 2324 N. Seminary.

DRURY LANE THEATRES--North--Nanette Fabray in "Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" thru Dec 5, Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort. 634-0200. South--Mercedes McCambridge in "No Sex Please, We're British," thru Dec 5, 95th & Western, Evergreen Park. 779-4000. East--Mickey Rooney in "Good Night Ladies," Nov 10-Dec 19, 23rd & Lake Front. 791-6200. Watertown--James Farentino in "Best Man," thru Nov 28. 175 E. Chestnut. 266-0500.

EVANSTON THEATRE COMPANY--"Joe Egg" thru Nov 21. "The Birthday Party," Nov 30-Dec 19. 2300 Greenbay Rd, Evanston. 869-7278.

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY--Edward E. Ayer Film/Lecture Series highlighting remote areas of the world, Sat at 1430 thru Nov, Simpson Theatre. Man In His Environment Film Series Fri-Sun at 1100 and 1300, thru Dec 26, Meeting Room, second floor north. Man In His Environment Exhibit, continuing, Hall 18. Autumn Journey For Children: My Kind of Tour, self-guided tour, thru Nov 30. Mon-Thurs from 0900-1800, Fri from 0900-2100 (free). Adults, \$1.50; parents w/children, \$3.50. Roosevelt Rd at Lake Shore. 922-9410.

"JESSE AND THE BANDIT QUEEN," opens Dec 9, Victory Gardens Theatre. 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

LINCOLN PARK THEATER--"Come Back Little Sheba," Dec 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 at 2030. \$1. 2021 N. Stockton Dr.

"LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT," Nov 18-Dec 19, Goodman Theatre Centre. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

"MERT AND PHIL," thru Nov, St. Nicholas Theatre Company. 2851 N. Halsted. 750-0211.

"MEXIPOSICION II," a commemoration of the Mexican Revolution, thru Nov 24, UICC. Augustin Casasola exhibit of 100 photos of the revolution, Mon-Sat from 0900-2100, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery, Chicago Circle Center, 750 S. Halsted & Polk. Film showings, lectures, concerts throughout campus. 996-3456.

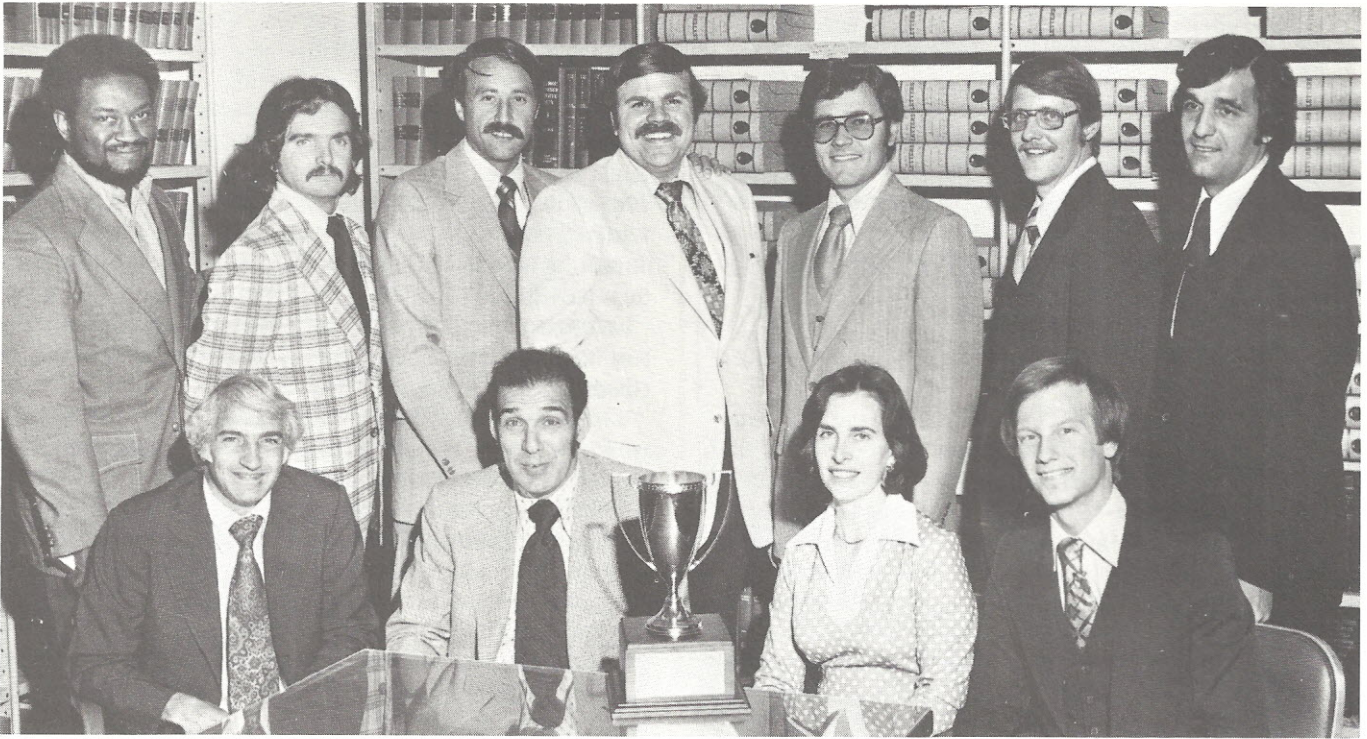
MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY--Christmas Around The World festival Nov 26-Jan 1. Includes concerts, Christmas pageants, folk music, dances, and dinners; 34 nationalities represented. Weekdays from 0930-1600; weekends and holidays from 0830-1730. During the pageant period, Christmas display areas open till 2000. Free. 57th & Lake Shore. MU 4-1414.

NUTCRACKER BALLET Dec 17-Jan 1, McCormick Place. \$3.50-\$7.50.

RED GROOMS prints and drawings thru Nov 20, Van Straaten gallery. 646 N. Michigan. 642-2900.

"THE RIVALS," Sheridan's comic classic of the 18th Century, Nov 12, 13, 17-19, Patrick O'Malley Workshop Theatre. \$2.50. Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan. 341-3555.

"THE SPORT OF MY MAD MOTHER," opens Dec 2, Stage 2. Ruth Page Auditorium, 1016 N. Dearborn. 443-3800.



THE CHAMPS: CTA winners of the 1976 Lawyers' Softball Association championship are (seated left to right) Ron Bosco, Marv Luckman, Ellen Munro and Tim Weaver and (standing left to right) Bill Mansker, Rod Bergin, Al Paul, Art Adler, Bruce Talaga, Ken Garvey and Greg Furda. (Other players not in picture were Mike Artery, Jim Alex, Ron Bartkiewicz, Dan Farrell, Joe Sconza, John Haskins and Leon Wool.)

CTA Lawyers City Softball Champs

The CTA lawyers are walking tall in the hallways of the 7th floor of the Merchandise Mart these days, but it has nothing to do with the day to day problems of legal barristers.

The reason for all the contented smiles is that the CTA lawyers are the new champions of the Lawyers Softball Association for 1976.

They won their second title in the last 10 years by soundly walloping the Baker and McKenzie law firm team, 24 to 5, in a thunderous display of batting power.

The bats of Greg Furda, Mike Artery, Rod Bergin and Ken Garvey played a merry tune of base hits in the championship finals, aided by the astute managerial strategy of Manager Marv Luckman and his assistant, Ron Bartkiewicz.

In addition to all this batting power, the CTA lawyers had help from another source, woman lawyer Ellen Munro, who filled in at second base and behind the plate on several occasions during the season.

The lawyers' league is made up of two divisions, each with 12 teams with the top four clubs from each

division making the playoffs.

CTA went into the playoffs as an underdog, and in its first game defeated the Winston and Strawn team, 10 to 5. The victory was distinguished by the fine pitching of "Jumper" John Haskins. Dan Farrell and Bruce Talaga delivered key base hits in the clutch to ice the ball game for the CTA lawyers.

Next for the CTA lawyers was the acid test against the States Attorneys, a powerhouse softball club which had completely dominated the league for the past decade. The CTA lawyers won it, 12 to 5, to gain the final berth and the championship triumph over Baker and McKenzie's team.

In the game with the heavily favored rivals, Art Adler and Joe Sconza, a former member of the States Attorneys, made outstanding defensive contributions to the CTA triumph.

The CTA lawyers' season record was an impressive 12 victories and 2 defeats. Among those who played important roles in the team's victory march were lawyers Bill Mansker, Jim Alex, Leon Wool and Al Paul.

The word from the CTA law officials is that with a strong nucleus of veterans returning next season, the CTA team will be strong contenders for the second title in a row.

cta sports

Mel Alexander, Sports Editor

Everyone Loves—

Chicago Parades

The CTA is chalking up good-will mileage by appearing in parades with its "Spirit of Chicago" bus, which, on auspicious occasions, may be escorted by employes volunteering as marchers.

One such occasion was a parade Sept. 18 in State street celebrating the anniversary of Mexican Independence.

At the wheel of the bus was Gladys Hernandez, the CTA's first Latin American woman driver. Carrying flags ahead of the bus were Electra de Alba and Celia Rincones, drivers, Archer, and Elda Leal, community news representative, who also was chairperson for the Mexican Civic Society's entire Chicago celebration.

Among other CTA volunteers escorting the bus were 11 other bus drivers, Luis Velazques, Roberto Martinez, Heriberto Nino, Jesus Martinez, Hernan Cortez, Francisco Flores, Victor Otero, Jesus Medina, Zeferino Pacheco, Agustin Martinez and Edilberto Ruiz.

Another major event in which the CTA participated with its "Spirit of Chicago" bus was the Operation PUSH parade in State street on Sept. 24. Betty Jones drove the bus, and Annie Mae Scott and Lucretia Russell, sub-unit agent supervisors, marched in front.

Film Festival

The CTA is again cooperating with the Chicago Film Board, a not-for-profit educational and cultural organization, in promoting the Chicago International Film Festival as an event for which the CTA is the best way to travel.

This year's 12th Chicago International Film Festival will be screened Nov. 5 to 18 at two theaters near the north elevated route--the Biograph, 2433 Lincoln av., and the Uptown, 4816 Broadway.

"Take the Howard 'L' and get off at Fullerton for the Biograph Theater or Lawrence for the Uptown Theater," read Festival advertising posters at rapid transit stations.

Midweek during this year's PUSH Expo, CTA Board members and staff representatives attended a luncheon at which U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman Jr. was the featured speaker.

Ernie Banks, CTA Board member, was an honored guest at a PUSH Expo breakfast. Betty Edwards, community news representative, served as a hostess at several events.

At a meeting Oct. 23, the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson presented the CTA with a certificate of appreciation for participating in PUSH Expo, which was based on the theme "Push for Excellence."



Greeting U.S. Secretary of Transportation Coleman (fourth from left) at PUSH Expo luncheon were CTA Board Members Donald J. Walsh, Ernie Banks, Mrs. Mathilda Jakubowski and Lawrence G. Sucus and Harold H. Geissenheimer, general operations manager.

CTA on the Air— Spot Announcements Over 16 Stations

"Sunday in the city. It's the best day of the week. A day just for yourself—to do what you like and go where you want. And you have a great way to go on Sunday. The CTA. People moving people...."

"The next time you're flying out of town, fly CTA. Take the special O'Harexpress to the airport—on the CTA...."

"Next time you're stumped for a snappy comeback, try the CTA. People moving people. Here's one: Fred and I left the office at noon, hopped on the subway, got a transferpass for a dime and went to this Chinese place for a quick lunch...."

"Here are some snappy comebacks from the CTA. Go jump on a bus and come back for a dime!...."

These are the openers of four new CTA 60-second commercials being aired 50 times a day over 16 radio and FM stations to promote Sunday Bargain Fares, the O'Harexpress service, and the use of the one-hour transfer for increasing non-rush riding. The commercials were created by the CTA's agency, Weber Cohn and Riley, and are being broadcast until Thanksgiving Day.

For the CTA spot announcements, tune in FM stations WFYR, WLAK, WSDM, WJJD, WNIS, WDHF, WBBM and WFMT and radio stations WJJD, WMAQ, WCFL, WBEE, WBBM, WAIT, WIND and WVON.

MAINTENANCE GRADS: Evan E. Olmstead, Maintenance Department manager, recently presented certificates to 14 participants who completed the Interlocking-Signal Maintenance Program. The ceremony held at West Shops, followed by cake and coffee, marked the successful completion of 40-weeks' training. Shown in the photo are, seated: G. Orozco, J. Gully, E. Gaylor, R. McEachin and P. Murname. Standing: G. Matejovsky, unit supervisor-Signal Maintenance, Mr. Olmstead, D. Barr (partially hidden), G. Sergot, B. Benson, A. Pecholas, D. Gusich, B. Causey, T. Szwec, supervisor Signal Maintenance, and R. Swindell, superintendent Electrical Maintenance.



Learn About Retirement Plan A Year Ahead Of Time

TRANSIT NEWS is reporting this reminder to CTA employees who are thinking about retiring and who might like to learn the details of the Authority's retirement plan.

William A. Ashley, manager of the Insurance and Pension Department, and Craig E. Heatter, superintendent of pensions, are making a special effort to inform employees of the provisions and benefits of the retirement plan.

"We suggest that employees begin inquiring about the retirement plan at least a year in advance of their projected retirement dates," explains Heatter.

"This gives the Pension Section ample time to make certain that retiring employees are fully informed on all applicable provisions of the plan," he adds.

Inquiries in person may be made at the Pension Section office in Room 429 on the fourth floor of the Merchandise Mart. The Section's telephone extensions at 664-7200 are 435 and 740.

Should an employee wish to inquire by mail, it is suggested that the employee make a list of his or her questions about the retirement plan, and send the query, with the return address, to:

W. A. Ashley
Secretary, Retirement Allowance Committee
Chicago Transit Authority
Room 746
Merchandise Mart
Chicago, Illinois 60654

In urging persons anticipating retirement to learn about the plan, Heatter says: "A well planned retirement is usually a happy retirement, and we want to do everything possible to help our people plan in advance."

Stolen From A Bank

By Jack Smith

If you are 60 and you have a savings account at the First National Bank of Evanston, you are eligible to join Dimension 60 which provides you with special services and benefits related to retirement and seniorhood.

Other banks in the area with the same plan include Citizens of Park Ridge, Edgewood of LaGrange, and the First National of Blue Island.

The Evanston group (500 of them) met recently at a forum sponsored by Dimension 60 on "Coping With Inflation." I thought CTA Transit News seniors might be able to use some of the pointers.

Carol Rasmussen, food guide director of the Chicago Tribune, advised the audience of certain rights they have at the supermarket. These include:

- .. the right to a "rain check" on sales items that are out of stock;
- .. the right to have every purchase verified for weight;
- .. the right to have purchases repackaged for smaller families.

Dr. Marsha Mrtek, secretary of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, suggested that retirees try to cut their use of non-prescription drugs. For example, she said, a warm glass of milk before bed may be found to be just as effective as a sleeping pill.

For prescriptions, Dr. Mrtek suggested asking one's doctor to specify a generic equivalent if one is available. These are usually less expensive than the brand name drugs.

Pharmacists also can lead you to a less expensive prescription remedy selection, according to Margaret Person, president of Metropolitan Seniors in Action. Pharmacists have a negative list of generic drugs, she said, and the list is quite small.

Savings on taxes gain importance once a person is retired according to Irving Blackman, managing partner of Blackman, Kallick & Co. Deductions that are sometimes forgotten, said Blackman, are the amount paid for supplemental medicare insurance, gifts of stock to a charity where the value is now worth more than when you bought it, and gifts of property (up to statutory limits) to members of the family.

Blackman recommended use of a lawyer or tax consultant (perhaps through your bank) to answer questions so that invalid assumptions and mistakes are not made.

The first \$100 of dividends each year are tax free per tax payer, Blackman said. It is therefore wise to transfer enough stock to your spouse to see that each gets the advantage of the \$100 limit.

Chicago CTA Seniors

James J. Hill, former president of Div. 241 and presently international secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Transit Union, will serve as co-chairman at the November meeting of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization. Hill will be coming in from Washington and will be available to greet all of his old CTA friends.

Mangam's Chateau, 7850 W. Ogden Avenue in Lyons, is the site of both Retirement Organization meetings. Price for the meal is \$3.50. Reservations may be phoned to Joe Nolan at 287-9058.

John Burns, former president of Div. 308, will also serve as a co-chairman and attend the November meeting.

Special guests at the November meeting will be Earl Barley, president of Div. 241, and Wilford Spears, president of Div. 308.

Nolan, general manager of the CTA senior citizens, announced that Harold Geissenheimer, manager of General Operations, will make a slide-illustrated presentation.

cta pensioners

JOHN BEJO, who retired in June as an ironworker helper in the track division of Plant Maintenance, has recently been making tracks in Yugoslavia; he and his wife launched the new retirement career with a swimming-sun bathing stay at Dubrovnik on the Dalmation coast...Materials Management retirees are living it up in Illinois and California. In picture, left to right, are ART EGGERT (5835 W. 63rd St., Chicago 60638),



Art, Mike and Tom

MIKE KORZEN (10000-44 Buena Vista, Santee, Calif. 92071) and TOM MADIGAN (549 Bon Air Pl., LaJolla, Calif. 92037). Art and Tom were visiting Mike. All three would like to hear from their friends at CTA... Congratulations to retired South Shops foreman WALLY and LAURA OLENICK of Placid Lakes whose residence at 609 Tangerine Rd. was chosen "Home of the Month" by the Sebring-Lake Placid Board of Realtors.

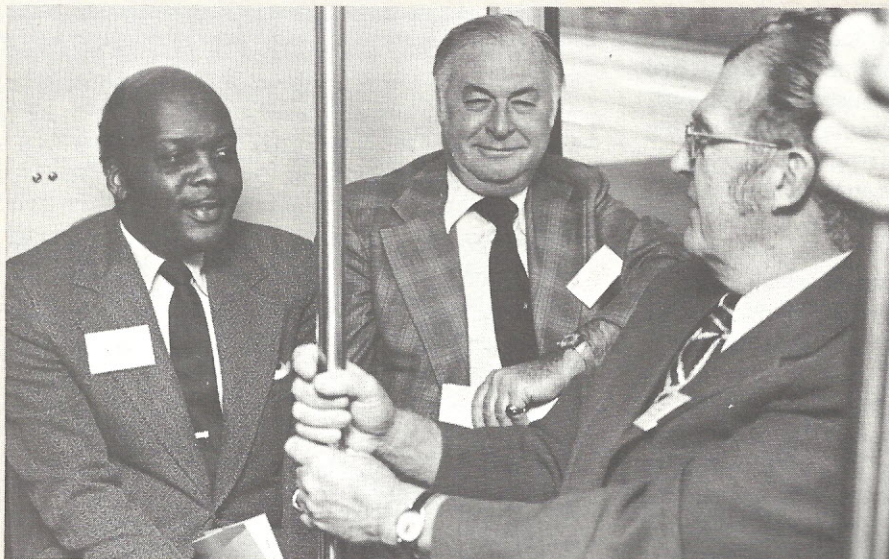
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Visit by Cub Star



Elda Leal, CTA community news representative, shows bilingual map to Jose Cardenal, left fielder for the Cubs, as Mel Alexander, Transit News sports editor, looks on.

On New Train (Page 2)



CTAers Fred King, Personnel manager; Harold Brown, director of Accounting, and Jack Harty, manager of Materials Management, enjoy inaugural ride.

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