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## Urban/Suburban

A SUPER DSR? -- Michigan's Governor George Romney has signed into law the Metropolitan Transit Authorities Act, terming it a "major move" toward solving Michigan's urban transportation problems. The measure establishes the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority for Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties (the Detroit metropolitan area) and permits similar bodies in other parts of the state. Under the law, authorities will have the power to plan, acquire, construct and operate transportation facilities and to issue bonds to finance them. They will have no taxing powers but can fix rates, fares or tolls.

For the first eighteen months, the new Authority is limited to acquiring and coordinating present bus systems with rail commuter facilities. After that initial period, and the completion of a comprehensive transportation and land use study, the Authority may plan and construct other types of transportation. As a practical matter, the new legislation would no doubt have the effect of enlarging the territory presently served by the Department of Street Railways of the city of Detroit (DSR), creating a "super-Authority" to run services now operated by such suburban carriers as Great Lakes Transit, Metropolitan Transit, Lake Shore Coach and others, and possibly the suburban rail commuter service presently run by the Grand Trunk Western Railway.

CTS EXPANSION -- In the election that saw Carl Stokes elected mayor, Clevelanders were offered the opportunity to indirectly pave the way for a similar service area expansion by the Cleveland Transit System. A charter amendment was successfully passed that would permit CTS board members to sit on a Cuyahoga County transit board. Now, with the backing of the president of the Cleveland Council, steps can be taken to eventually transfer CTS to the county. In return for the system, valued at more than \$60 million, county taxpayers would be obliged to make substantial investments in expanding and improving the service. The new Cuyahoga County Transit Authority would thus supplant private operators in its service area, as well as the four municipally-owned operations (Shaker Heights, Euclid, Maple Heights, North Olmsted) in the Cleveland metropolitan area.

The Cleveland-Seven County Transportation-Land Use Study has released cost estimates for the oft-proposed downtown subway and five rapid transit extensions, totalling out at \$175 million. This study updates earlier ones, and puts the estimated tab for the 2.6 mile downtown line at \$75 million. The remaining \$100 million is to be split-up between: (a) a five-mile northwest extension to Bay Village; (b) a line running 7.3 miles southeast to Maple Heights; (c) a route extending 3.15 miles easterly to Cleveland Heights; (d) a seven mile southwest extension to Parma; and (e) a line running from Windermere Station six miles northeast to Euclid.

TRANSIT TALK -- A \$450,000 study which will determine the feasibility of rapid transit in St. Louis is under way and will be completed by May of 1970. The four-stage project will include a transit and highway origin-destination study, development and testing of alternate plans, and an actual determination of routes and financing...CTA

COVER -- It is 1952, and the trolley coach is at its peak of popularity and service in Cleveland. Two of the coaches in this Woodhill lineup are now in service in Mexico City; the others have been scrapped, and the station itself has been sold. (CTS photo)

1961 GMC #235 (a TDH-5301) was severely damaged by a runaway truck on 87th Street November 17. One passenger was killed and 17 injured when the right rear quarter of the coach was split open as the driverless truck rolled into the street....Another accident sent four sailors and a bus driver to the hospital as a Waukegan - North Chicago Transit Company coach, bound for Great Lakes Naval Training Center from O'Hare Airport was hit by a gravel truck near the naval facility. The WNCT bus was operating on the company's O'Hare-Great Lakes-Waukegan route at the time of the accident.

Chicago police are working on new security arrangements to keep the crime rate from rising on the CTA elevated-subway system again. A rash of holdups over the weekend of November 18-19 prompted the re-evaluation of the patrol system that began in September, after one man was murdered and others assaulted on the rapid transit lines (T/C-9/1/67, et seq.)....Additional pressure is forthcoming for improved "reverse commuter" service, making it easier for city residents to get to suburban jobs. A Chicago organization called Tri-Faith Employment Projects is spurring efforts to establish such ghetto-to-suburb routes, and plans an additional meeting with industry and transit officials in early December.

Motor Coach Age reports that the City Transit Company of Dayton is among new Flexible customers. CTC recently acquired six GMC TDH-5105 units from New Orleans Public Service (T/C-11/1/67)....That Madison Bus Company strike is finally over. Drivers for the Wisconsin company went back to work on November 21, after 62 days off the job...Toronto Transit November schedule changes now include increased service on routes 25 DON MILLS, 36 FINCH, 58 MALTON, 45 KIPLING and 41 KEELE. Additional service improvements are in store for the KEELE line, and on the EGLINTON EAST and YORK MILLS routes, taking effect at the end of November.

## Interurban

RAIL "UNDOINGS" -- Recent casualties are Missouri Pacific #31-32 (Little Rock - Alexandria, La.), discontinued November 16; Santa Fe #42-47 (Williams Junction-Phoenix), off November 2; and Southern Pacific #21-22 (Oakland-Ogden), dropped November 7.

PETITIONS, PETITIONS, PETITIONS -- The Interstate Commerce Commission will not investigate the Southern Railway's request to discontinue #36, the Peach Queen (Atlanta to Washington), and combine #37, the Crescent, and #47, the Southerner (Washington to Atlanta)....CB&Q has asked to end #7-8 (Omaha-Denver) effective December 17....Santa Fe wants off for #201-200 and 190-191 (Denver-LaJunta, Colo.)....Norfolk & Western wants to drop #203-212, the City of Kansas City (St. Louis-Kansas City) also.

RAIL ROUNDUP -- Union Station (Chicago) ticket agents say that the through Pullman on Mo Pac #31-32 (see above) is still running St. Louis to Little Rock (on #7 overnight southbound, and #2 northbound) in a service discontinued several years ago....Our collective apologies to GM&O, which does indeed publish a timetable, though it appeared somewhat late....The Indiana Public Service Commission has ordered the Baltimore & Ohio to continue running night trains #8-9 between Gary and Garrett, Indiana, pending hearings (a single RDC should cover both runs)....Strong rumors persist that the Broadway will be consolidated with the General on the Pennsy December 3....And, talking of merger madness, the MoPac has asked ICC to investigate Union Pacific control of the IC.

In a surprise move, President William N. Deramus III, of the Kansas City Southern has indicated the road will file for abandonment of all passenger service. KCS long was one of the biggest pro-passenger lines in the country....The Illinois Commerce Commission has given approval for a 5% intrastate (Illinois) fare increase to ten Western roads. Rates will go up December 1 on Santa Fe, C&EI, C&NW, CB&Q, the Milwaukee, the Rock Island, GM&O, IC, N&W and St. Louis-Southwestern. All of the hikes involve non-commuter runs....The IC will spend \$1,100,000 for automatic fare collection system improvements on its commuter lines in 1968....The controversial Penn-Central merger has finally been given the green light by the Justice Department.

**AIRLINE ACTION** -- The Civil Aeronautics Board has given its approval for the acquisition by Ling-Temco-Vought of GreatAmerica Corporation, 80% owner of Braniff International Airways....Four DC-9-32's have been placed in service by Delta on flights out of Chicago. This "stretched" version of the DC-9 seats 89 (24 first class and 65 tourist)....United Air Lines has introduced "Blue Carpet" coach service to Chicagoans. The action eliminates the former "Standard Service" in favor of 26 first class and 89 coach seats for a total of 115 passengers on each flight. The new service is being offered between Chicago and Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. To accommodate the new amenities, United will reconfigure its entire Boeing 720 fleet....Lufthansa German Airlines is now operating its winter schedule from Chicago with a non-stop flight to Frankfurt on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Eastern Airlines is to provide the first jet service from Chicago to Daytona Beach beginning December 14. The line is to use Boeing 727's....Standard Oil Company's new golden DC-9 was a recent visitor to O'Hare Field....Another visitor was North Central's DC-3 #728. The executive ship has flown more hours than any other plane in the history of aviation. The 728 started out life August 11, 1939 with Eastern Airlines....Another famous DC-3 frequenting O'Hare runways is the Federal Aviation Agency's "Flying Laboratory". This ship is believed to have been used by General H. H. "Hap" Arnold, and is the oldest C-41 (ex-military) still flying....Direct air service between Chicago and Palm Springs will be inaugurated December 12 by American Airlines. The daily flight will leave O'Hare at 5:30 PM, with a stop in Phoenix. Eastbound through service is to begin early in 1968.

On December 15, Air Canada will begin offering service from Chicago to the Caribbean islands of Antigua, Barbados and Trinidad via Toronto....The CAB has ordered an investigation of the mutual-aid pact under which seven major U. S. airlines have been sharing strike costs. The agreement between American, Braniff, Eastern, Northwest, Pan Am, TWA and United was originally signed July 10, 1964, for a three-year period....Ozark has asked for permission to have non-stop flights between St. Louis and Chicago. The line would provide three round trips each day, and two of the eastbound flights would originate in Joplin, Mo. As a regional carrier, Ozark must currently make one stop in each direction on flights between Chicago and St. Louis....Beginning December 15, all planes flying at less than 10,000 feet would be restricted to a top speed of 250 knots (288 mph). The FAA action was taken in the wake of several in-flight collisions....Comedian Bob Hope is now the voice of Delta Air Lines. Hope is plugging the virtues of travel to Florida for the Atlanta-based carrier.

T/C's "home-town" airline, Chicago-based United, is flying all of the 12 National Hockey League teams around this season. UAL planes will fly over 170,000 miles in service for the NHL. United has also announced that it anticipates that 1967 will be its first \$1 billion year. This all-time high operating revenue could put UAL in the top spot among the nation's transportation companies. Both the Pennsy and the Southern Pacific are currently ahead of United, but both carriers' revenues have been slipping in the earlier part of 1967....A new runway opened for service at O'Hare Field on November 21, but bad weather interfered with its dedication. Mayor Daley and other dignitaries were to have had breakfast aboard a U A L jet, but low ceilings required shifting of the steak and eggs feast aloft to the ground. The new runway extends for 11,200 feet, and cost \$5,300,000. O'Hare now has two parallel runway sets....Commuter Airlines' student standby rate to Madison is now just \$5.00. (The Milwaukee Road coach fare is \$4.35).

**BUS BRIEFS** -- In order to meet the demands for more passenger and luggage space, General Motors Corporation has designed the PD-4903. This is a 40' bi-level deluxe intercity coach, with a passenger capacity of 49 (47 with optional restroom). Among the many features of the coach are a new electrical system, increased airconditioning capacity and distribution, and parts interchangeability with the PD-4107. The new coach is powered by an 8V-71-N diesel engine, and affords 65-1/2 mph at 1900 rpm, with a mechanical transmission as standard equipment. A 96" width is being retained to allow the coach to fit into tight areas. A dummy, detachable third axle is available for use in those states requiring less than 20,000 lbs. per axle loadings.

BERNARD LOUIS "BARNEY" NEUBERGER

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Just about everyone knew Barney Neuberger. As the "Traction Photo Man", he was one of those almost legendary characters that impart a very human quality to the hobby. From his cluttered trailer in Dixmoor, Barney oversaw a far-flung business of supplying photographs and other memorabilia of the fascinating world of transportation to a clientele that literally reached around the globe.

Barney was a good-natured and warm-hearted human being, who found it extremely difficult to say "no", sometimes even at great personal expense. He had a unique sense of humor, and was forever adding to the language of the hobby in odd bits of phraseology, or in couplets like

If anyone anything lacks  
He'll find it at Barney's in stacks.

An inveterate joiner, Barney was on the membership list of virtually every hobby group in the country, and not a few overseas. One could always depend upon him to give freely of time, effort and money to further enrich the legacy of the past.

Barney had been troubled by serious illness for the past several years, and on November 20, at the age of 60, he died. Somehow, the world will not be the same without him.

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