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## Interurban

**LATE CALLERS** -- Rebuffed in their attempts to delay the Burlington Northern Inc. merger in the U.S. District Court, representatives of the U.S. Justice Department went to Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren's home late Thursday night May 9, requested, and received, a delay in the long sought merger at least until well into July. The Justice Department's complaint accused the ICC of failing to conduct its own investigation of the merger, not considering other pending merger requests, questionable findings concerning savings and competition, and possible collusion between Burlington and the Milwaukee Road. Both sides now have until July 1, to prepare briefs for presentation to a special three-judge panel of arbitration (one of whom rejected the Justice Department's first delay attempt).

**CHANGES FOR CHICO** -- Forty-two years of luxury travel between Chicago and Los Angeles ended with final departures of Santa Fe's The Chief on Monday, May 13. Effective May 15, revised departure and arrival times were implemented for Nos. 23-24 (no longer called the Grand Canyon) leaving Chicago at 9:00 AM instead of 11:00 AM and arriving at 9:30 PM instead of 3:15 PM; however dining car service has been reinstated according to advertisements. And proposed changes effective June 15 include the following: Nos. 1-2, San Francisco Chief, to leave Chicago at 10:00 AM instead of 3:00 PM arriving San Francisco (via connecting bus) at 10:30 AM instead of 2:30 PM, returning at 3:45 PM instead of 10:30 AM and arriving Chicago at 8:00 PM instead of 2:00 PM; the Texas Chief will also have its Chicago departure time slightly altered to leave at 5:20 PM instead of 6:00 PM. Both trains would also be re-routed via Topeka instead of Ottawa, Kansas.

**TIES AND TRACK** -- The ICC has given Southern Pacific an additional 15 days to answer charges that they have consistently downgraded and discouraged use of its passenger trains; SP must now answer by May 22....also SP has asked California Public Utilities Commission permission to discontinue Nos. 51-52, San Joaquin Daylight, between Los Angeles and Oakland, and Nos. 53-54, Sacramento-Lathrop connections; good luck fellas....Chesapeake and Ohio has been allowed to discontinue Nos. 3-4, F.F.V./Sportsman, Washington-Cincinnati, and Nos. 43-46, Newport News-Charlottesville, Va. (and bus connections Newport News-Portsmouth); however, Nos. 46-47, Ashland-Detroit must run for another year....a new C&O-B&O timetable effective May 26 will show the Capitol Limited leaving Chicago 20 minutes earlier (3:40 PM) and arriving 30 minutes later (9:10 AM), plus retimings of Nos. 7-10, Chicago-Pittsburgh and probably Nos. 46-47, Ashland-Detroit....and Illinois Central Industries, Inc. and Illinois Central Railroad stockholders have approved merger with the Gulf, Mobile & Ohio Railroad, which previously okayed the marriage (T/C, April 12, 1968); formal application to the ICC was made on May 15.

**GOOD BYE, MR. TRIPPE** -- One of the world's true transportation pioneers has retired after more than 41 years of leadership in the airline industry. Juan T. Trippe, 68, co-founded Pan American World Airways in 1927 with a passenger and mail service between Key West and Havana. In the years since that humble beginning Trippe has actively led Pan Am to its present position as one of the premier carriers of the world. Many firsts in aviation are held by Pan Am, including first to operate commercial service across both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, first around-the-world service, and first to operate jets in regular service.

**BLUE SKIES** -- Air West, the newest of the local service airlines (formerly Bonanza, Pacific, and West Coast), reports a 30% gain in business in its first month of operation (April) compared to combined revenues of a year earlier; the carrier has leased one each DC-9 from Ozark and Southern pending deliveries of two Boeing 727's (with options for two more)....Northeast Airlines will lease three Boeing "stretch-outs" for thirteen years through Greyhound Leasing and Financing Corporation....United Air Lines has asked the Civil Aeronautics Board for permission to operate non-stop service between Chicago and Richmond, Virginia; United presently serves Richmond via Washington....Commuter Air Lines (again?) has been authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission to provide air taxi service between Chicago (Meigs and Midway airports) and Quad Cities Airport in Moline, Illinois....Icelandic Airlines recently began jet-prop service between New York and Scandinavia with increased service between New York and Luxembourg....Trans World Airlines has added a fourth non-stop schedule between Chicago and Las Vegas....Air France will operate eighty-three weekly trans-Atlantic flights during the peak summer months (including five weekly non-stop flights between Chicago and Paris)....and congratulations to the "Official Airline Guide" on its 25th anniversary; the first OAG in April, 1943 was 148 pages; presently the combined total of all its issues is about 4500 pages of airline schedules.

**FARE FACTS** -- Continental Airlines has CAB permission to experiment with five-abreast seating in economy service for one year....Proposals to raise Las Vegas-Los Angeles commuter fares by TWA and Western Airlines have been suspended by the CAB pending hearings....Air Canada and Canadian Pacific Airlines plan to boost North American fares by 10% subject to approval of the



Canadian Transport Commission....and Braniff International and Eastern Airlines have filed with the CAB to switch from a standby 50% off youth fare to a 33-1/3% discount for positive space youth bookings (following a trend started by Delta).

TRAGEDY AND TORNADOES -- The first major crash of an airliner in 1968 occurred on May 10, when a Braniff International Electra II prop-jet, flying through blinding rain and lightning, crashed in a pasture in Texas killing all 84 persons aboard; the plane was on a flight from Houston to Memphis....and we hope that damage was slight to Iowa Terminal's Charles City Western division in the recent tornadoes that wreaked so much damage to the city's business district; it has been hardly a year since a major fire nearly put the Mason City division out of business.

## Urban/Suburban

SUBURB-TO-SUBURB SUBWAY -- The Toronto metropolitan area now boasts of 21 miles of rapid transit following the opening on May 11 of six miles of extensions to the Bloor-Danforth subway line into the suburban boroughs of Etobicoke (West) and Scarborough (East). The line features the Hawker-Siddeley high-speed cars exclusively over the mostly tunnel with some open right of way on the outer ends route. Work begins this year on the four mile Yonge extension to Richmond as Toronto continues to modernize an already fine transit system. The only hitch in the major rerouting of surface lines in connection with the opening of the new rapid was a group of angry Scarborough householders protesting the routing of buses down a primarily residential street creating a possible hazard to many youngsters playing in the vicinity. The new trolley bus line, 40-Junction, began service without fanfare but many dewirements..

GOOD GOING GRAND TRUNK -- Grand Trunk Western's attempts to improve its Detroit commuter service have paid off with a 55,000 passenger increase in the first three months of 1968 compared with a year earlier. Schedules were revised with additional off-peak and Saturday runs offered last November in an attempt to reduce the deficit. Schedules presently have returned to the former number in quantity, but a shoppers special round trip remains on Saturdays. (And have you noticed that N&W's Chicago-Orland Park commuter train has seven cars in its consist nowadays?)

YET ANOTHER LEG -- Continental Air Transport Company will begin serving five northwest Chicago suburbs from O'Hare Airport beginning June 1. United Motor Coach Company has provided the service since 1955 but will not oppose the new Continental operation because of declining patronage (United successfully opposed Continental's attempt to take over the service in 1966). Fares will range from \$1.00 to Des Plaines up to \$2.00 to Barrington, the end of the line. It is assumed that United will petition to discontinue their limousine service.

OK UTA TO DOT -- June 30 is the date set for transfer of the urban mass transit program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Department of Transportation (DOT) following Congressional approval of President Johnson's request (T/C, March 1, 1968). Greater efficiency in the use of facilities and service is hoped to be accomplished by the change. HUD will continue to provide the broader urban development objectives necessary to effective urban transit planning.

SHORT SUBJECTS -- Port Authority of Allegheny County experienced sharp declines in patronage during recent civil disorders in Pittsburgh; a 33% decline in patronage compared to a week earlier was experienced on the worst day of the disorders, Tuesday, April 9....Because Illinois law does not permit municipalities to enter into collective bargaining, the city of Elgin, which recently assumed operations of the former Elgin City Lines, has raised operators wages to \$2.63 an hour from \$2.25 per hour, the equivalent of wages in other city departments....Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) has begun public hearings on proposed routes and stations for the planned rapid transit system in the Atlanta metro area....Toronto Transit Commission has awarded a contract to General Railway Signal Company to construct a consolidated rapid transit control system at the Hillcrest shops....St. Louis will have a firm design of its rapid transit needs by the summer of 1970 according to the director of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council which is responsible for designing Bi-State's mass transit requirements; the system is expected to cost a minimum of 500 million dollars to construct....Washington, D.C. will have the United States' largest private operated transit system after September 30 following Philadelphia Transportation Company's stockholder approval of its purchase by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority; the total cost of sale will be in excess of \$65,000,000....and City Bus Company of Ann Arbor, Michigan together with city officials are studying ways to end the Company's monthly deficit of more than \$2100 per month; one suggestion would be to have the City purchase the fleet of buses and lease them back thereby saving several hundred dollars a year in licensing and fuel taxes.

CONGRATULATIONS -- The 43rd annual meeting of the Illinois Bus Association held recently in Springfield, Illinois, has chosen Mr. Elmer Schuemann, superintendent of transportation and safety, United Motor Coach Company, Des Plaines, Ill., as its President for 1968-69.

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