

# Monorail Needed for LA Transit Relief

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United Press International  
Los Angeles — (UPI) — This megalopolis has a king-size transit headache but a monorail system, costing a relatively modest \$123 million, could provide relief, according to an industrialist.

Sixteen Holmquist, president of the Wegematic Corp., asserts his firm could build a monorail which could be financed out of the fare box — without a tax subsidy.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), a public agency which operates major bus lines in this area, has shown interest in Holmquist's plan.

Holmquist's claim that a monorail system would not require any tax support is calculated to meet with the approval of property owners and others interested in fighting tax increases.

Some MTA engineers are skeptical about Holmquist's plan but they don't want to commit themselves publicly as being against it until he

has had a full hearing. Holmquist made his announcement on the monorail shortly after the MTA fell flat on its face when it suggested that a special property tax be levied to finance a 58-mile combination subway and surface train system costing \$649 million. The MTA wanted the state legislature to earmark 15 cents as a maximum on each \$100 assessed valuation to provide the cash. Property owners howled and the MTA withdrew its proposal, calling it a "mistake."

As a result, Holmquist received a pleasant reception when he offered his tax-free \$123 million monorail plan. He said a monorail is less expensive to construct than a subway or a double-track elevated line.

Holmquist says a monorail's construction cost is \$3 million a mile, compared with the MTA's surface-subway system cost of \$11 million. And he says he has financing available through a Wall Street investment firm.

Out of the estimated \$123 million cost for the monorail, Holmquist said, about \$14 million would be used to purchase rights-of-way. The system would link the Civic Center with the west Los Angeles area, with El Monte to the east and with the San Fernando Valley to the north.

Holmquist also said his group would submit a plan to pay off the MTA's current indebtedness of approximately \$41 million.

The monorail concept is not new to southern California. Walt Disney has one operating in his famed amusement park. The Disney monorail is one of the most popular and useful attractions at Disneyland, according to park engineer John Wise.

Advantages of the monorail cited by both Wise and Disney are that it is noiseless, it operates on electricity and spews no smelly exhaust fumes.

And absence of exhaust fumes would be a boon to smog-ridden Los Angeles.

# American Runs Unique Three Ring Diner in France

Divonne, France—(UPI)—Alan Lewis is trying to do what no American has ever done before—run a three-star restaurant in France.

There are only 12 restaurants in this exalted category in all France, according to the authoritative Guide Michelin. Naturally they are operated by Frenchmen and all have French chefs.

But Lewis, whose group, Restaurant Associates, runs a notable series of restaurants in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, thinks he is on the verge of breaking into this exclusive fraternity.

It has been an uphill fight for the past two years, ever since Restaurant Associates bought 137 acres of this resort town near Geneva, including a gambling casino, two hotels, thermal baths, theatre, night club, tennis court and three swimming pools.

Divonne had been coasting along on a reputation built at the turn of the century when Russian royalty and American and British millionaires came primarily for the roulette and chemin de fer.

When Lewis and his colleagues took over in June 1962 they instituted a big-game entertainment policy and set out to make Divonne an all-year rather than a seasonal resort.

The big name policy paid off and Divonne, according to Lewis, now is the most profitable of France's 149 casinos—its nearest rivals are Nice and Enghien. He considers this somewhat of a triumph for American methods which have been introduced without affecting the continental charm of the resort.

"We want a European and an American clientele," Lewis explained.

No Frenchman will ever believe an American can run a three-star restaurant in France, thus there is considerable interest in how Lewis plans to set about it.

"We learned a lot from our restaurants in the U.S.," he said, "especially 'The Four Seasons' and 'The Forum of the 12 Caesars' in New York."

"Americans tend to shy away from the traditional while Europeans prefer the classic regional French cuisine. We are still trying to hit exactly the right note combining the two and when we do we will be waiting confidently for the Michelin inspectors to make their verdict."

# Adjuster Appointed By Insurance Firm

William G. Cochran, Medford, has been appointed adjuster in charge of the Grants Pass, Roseburg, and Sutherlin area by the Oregon Automobile Insurance company. Cochran's headquarters will be in Grants Pass, according to W. A. Brooks, president.

Cochran was born in Eugene and reared in Medford, graduating from Medford High school. He is a member of the Oregon Casualty Adjusters association, the Eugene Adjusters association, and the Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, Oregon Pond.

He and his wife, Karen Jean, and their children, Shelby and Eric, will live in Grants Pass. He is a member of Medford's First Presbyterian church.

**BABY LIFEGUARDS**  
Los Angeles—(UPI)—The occupation of pool sitter, a classification officially recognized by the state employment office, is catching on big in Southern California. The aquatic counterpart of the baby sitter gets \$1 to \$1.25 an hour for his labors.

# Domiciliary Names Hospital Officer

Melbourne Holbrook has been appointed to the position of hospital housekeeping officer at the Veterans Administration domiciliary.

Holbrook is a veteran of World War II, having served with the U. S. Navy from July 1943 until May 1946. Following his discharge from the armed forces he worked for several private industries.

He received his first federal service appointment at the VA hospital, Vancouver, Wash., in 1948 and worked there until the end of June 1951. He again served at the VA hospital, Vancouver, from August 1958 as assistant hospital housekeeping officer until his transfer to the domiciliary on July 7.

Holbrook and his family will reside at Cascade Village.

**CUBA MILITIA DISARMED**  
Washington—(UPI)—The Citizens Committee for a Free Cuba said Sunday that a refugee had reported Soviet troops are continuing to disarm Cuban militia to prevent a possible uprising.

# Quotes From the News

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL  
Moscow—Under Secretary of State W. Averell Harriman, explaining his mission in Moscow:

"We have come with the instruction to do everything for the conclusion of a comprehensive ban on nuclear tests with the proper safeguards. But if we cannot get a concrete test ban, we are prepared to agree on a partial test ban which would be a first step in the negotiation of a complete treaty."

Washington—Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz, criticizing both the railroads and the rail unions for not making any real effort to settle their work disputes:

"Every single proposal which has been made in this case has been immediately labeled as compulsory arbitration."

Pittsburgh—Bobby Abbott, one of three teen-age boys rescued from an abandoned coal mine where they were lost for two days:

"No more mines for us. We had enough of that for the rest of our lives."

Washington—Alabama Gov. George Wallace, challenging President Kennedy and Congress to submit the administration's civil rights bill to the people in a national referendum:

"I promise you that you will get the shock of your life because the people will overwhelmingly reject this encroachment upon their right to own and enjoy private property."

# Reservists Build Fallout Shelter

By JAMES O. CLIFFORD  
United Press International  
San Francisco—(UPI)—A group of Air Force reservists, working on their own initiative at little cost to taxpayers, have put together an underground fallout shelter-command post that could be a key West Coast communications center in a nuclear attack.

The result of the work was a 6,500-square-foot shelter, cob-webbed with intricate communications wiring and safely buried 16 feet below the hills overlooking the Golden Gate.

Its function in event of a nuclear attack would be to oversee Air Force recovery group operations in an area from San Francisco to Fresno, Calif.

Although seldom publicized, recovery groups play a major part in the nation's defense system. If an enemy Strategic Air command bases, recovery groups would gather at undamaged fields to provide service and rearmament for the bombers which the Air Force always has in the sky.

Saunders, who piloted cargo planes over the Himalayas during World War II, said he and his men were concerned about reports that San Francisco had little if any fallout protection. Their post, besides being a command center, would accommodate center personnel and their families.

# The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alvarez*  
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(Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1963)

**Cure for Type of Whispering**  
I recently had the thrill of seeing one of my old patients, very active, busy and important man, who for years, was condemned to whisper. He could never speak out loud because a tiny tumor in his neck had destroyed the nerve that should be supplying one of his vocal cords.

Now at last, he has found a man to cure him. A nose and throat specialist, Dr. Robert B. Lewy of the University of Illinois and Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, injected enough Teflon into the paralyzed vocal cord to increase its substance so that it could move over and come into contact with the active cord. As a result, the patient is now able to talk well again.

There are some patients who underwent this operation two years ago and are still talking out loud.

What I must emphasize here is that this operation is only for persons who have one paralyzed vocal cord. This trouble commonly follows an operation on a lung or on the big artery that comes out of the heart, or perhaps on a goiter.

No one who whispers should ask for this operation unless a throat man looks into his larynx and assures him that his or her trouble is due to the paralysis of one cord.

Some whispering is due to hysteria, and this is not to be operated on. Hundreds of men whisper because their voice box, or much of it, was removed because of a cancer.

# Called Aphasia

I must add also that persons who, after a bad stroke, cannot talk, or can talk only with difficulty, cannot use this operation; it is not for them. They have a difficulty called aphasia. Because of an injury to their brain, they cannot think of the words that would express what they are trying to say. Rarely, a little stroke will paralyze a vocal cord.

As Dr. Lewy says, in a scientific article, the operation is indicated when there is a paralyzed vocal cord which lies away from the midline and cannot meet the other cord when the person has to talk. It is applicable also when there is a defect in the cord; when there are scars left after removal of a cord, and when there is a certain type of relaxed atrophic cord.

Most of such persons cannot be helped by any operation because both of their vocal cords are gone.

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# Servicemen ENCAMPMENT

Cadets Steven D. Gray and Roger D. Hout are participating in the Air Force reserve officer training corps summer encampment at Fairchild Air Force base, Wash.

Hout, son of Mrs. R. LaVonne Hout, 324 North Front st., is a member of the ROTC program at the University of Portland. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Gray, 585 Allison st., Ashland, is in the ROTC program at the University of Oregon. Both will be eligible for appointment as Air Force second lieutenants upon graduation from college.

# Pathet Lao Attacks Neutralist Forces

Vientiane, Laos—(UPI)—Communist Pathet Lao troops, supported by artillery and machinegun fire, were reported today to have launched an attack on neutralist forces entrenched southeast of the Plain of Jars airstrip.

Neutralist military sources here said the Communists fired 70 rounds of shells Sunday night at neutralist positions about two miles southeast of the airstrip.

The sources added that Pathet Lao infantry supported by medium machinegun fire, launched an attack against the neutralists. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

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