

# THE DISTRICT LINE\* . . . . . By Bill Gold

**Use of Rear Door On Buses Poses Problem**

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A few days ago, I published Metro's plan that bus passengers should exit by the rear door in order to speed the entry of boarding passengers. Emily Johnson comments that exiting by the rear door saves time and speeds service, but adds that there is a big drawback to the idea, too.

"What you advocate plays into the hands of the chiselers who enter by the rear door when a paying passenger leaves by that door," she writes. "Sometimes you see a driver plead with the militant laborers to pay up, but they just laugh. Recently I saw a man get out of the back door and pronto five boys jumped in like wild Indians, laughing and frightening the passengers. The driver said nothing to these 12-year-olds rowdies, probably because he was afraid of them."

There is no denying the truth of what Ms. Johnson has written. However, instead of accepting it as a valid reason for abandoning the rear door

and slowing down service, I see it as a clinching argument for the use of bus radios on buses. If drivers were enabled to summon police help quickly, they'd have a sharp drop in hoodlums on public transit.

**BIRD FEED**

Mrs. P. Ashenburt of Peppermill Farm, 12510 Yates Ford Rd., Clifton, Va., has this advice for bird lovers who resent the recent increase in the price of bird feed:

"I'm getting 300 pounds of fine cracked corn for \$5.70 from the Southern States Co-op at Manassas in Vienna. I have fed about 400 pounds this winter with a frosting of sunflower seed and the birds eat it all and seem to thrive. I have 20 to 25 varieties that enjoy this combination. Be sure to put in sunflower seed if you want a mix of woodpeckers and other wood-eating birds. This is one thing the supermarkets usually give free."

Incidentally, B. Chames of 604 Meadow La., Vienna, noted that the 20 per cent increase in the price of bird feed isn't the worst of what Virginians have been facing recently. District Lines Chames points out that the state real estate tax is up 20 per cent, the town real estate tax is up 20 per cent, "exemption allowed for two decreased 40 per cent, deductions no longer allowed on state income

tax form are utility, liquor and cigarette taxes as well as auto taxes, which are increasing 10 per cent this year, and dog tags, which were increased 10 per cent. Yet in offices sure been holding the line, haven't they?

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today. It comes to me by way of Mrs. Thomas E. Carnell of 6020 Ferguson Pl., Burke, Va. When her parents visited here recently, they brought along a pair of stickers bearing the taxpayer legend Mrs. Carnell learned that her dad had dreamed up the idea, ordered the stickers from a printer, and now uses them to seal letters, as some folks use Easter Seals and the like.

**CONVERT**

After F. H. Babcock of 6004 Silver Hill Rd., Suitland, got home from the supermarket he was fired off this note to me:

"I'm buying Orange Juice, 18 cents a can last Friday, to date 21, about a 17 per cent increase. Lunch meat, last Friday, three packages for \$1.29, today three for \$1.17, again a 17 per cent rise. Crackers that had been \$4 jumped to \$7. 'The papers say food costs have increased 1 per cent or 2 per cent. That's not for the birds. Political misstatements. Bah! I'm a

Republican, but I'm ashamed of what is happening now. I'll bet the cost of living wouldn't have reached its present state with LBJ or Hoover. For in offices sure been holding the line, haven't they?

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