

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 concedes 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 lavaders to pay up, but they just laugh. Recently I saw a man push his back door and pronto five boys jumped in like wild Indians, laughing and frightening the passengers. The driver said nothing to these 12-year-old 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 lavatories on buses. If drivers were enabled to summon people to 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 winter-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?"

THE CARTOON
Don't ask me where you can buy copies of the Little cartoon that's reproduced here.



today. It comes to me by way of Mrs. Thomas E. Carnell of 6000 Treagan 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 P. H. Babcock of 5004 Silver Hill Rd., Suitland, got home from the supermarket he was fired off this note to me: "I've bought Orange Juice, 18 cents a can last Friday, to date 21, about a 17 per cent increase. Lunch meat, last Friday, three packages for \$1.20, 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?"

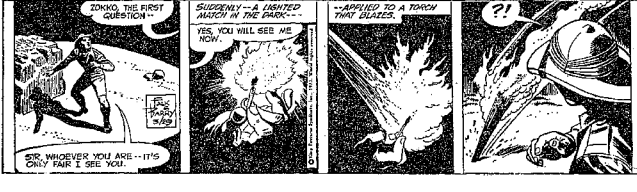
That's a safe bet, inasmuch as we'll never know for sure. But if it makes you feel any better, be advised that you have a lot of company in your ire over food prices. That's been Topic A in the past two weeks, moving Postal Service complaints down into second place.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING
Hap Traub of Martinsburg, W. Va., suggests that when we criticize errors made by postal workers we ought to take into account the poor handwriting that clergs most constantly try to decipher.

As one who has worked for the Post Office, Hap says: "Many of the addresses are written as if the writers were playing a game with the letter carrier, and in effect, saying: 'I'll bet you can't figure out where this is supposed to go.' Others appear to have been written in a class studying orthography by a student practicing his hand at hieroglyphics."

Although I have never worked in the Post Office, I'm sure Hap is right. Some of the complaints about postal service that are sent to me are written in such abominable longhand that they fall completely in their purpose. They don't make me angry over the mistake that was made; they make me wonder how the postal clerks ever guess right on any of the complainant's addresses.

MEDICAL NEWS
Funny Funny World credits this one to Tolle Fields: "Bob Hope asked me why I didn't have a foreskin like Phyllis Diller. I told him I didn't want my skin to be as tight as hers is now. Every time she crosses her legs, her mouth opens."



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