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Mr. Douglas A. Newcomb, member of the RTD board, represents the Supervisorial district of Burton W. Chase. Mr. Newcomb has been involved in public transportation for several years, having been on the former MTA board, and is presently vice president of the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Transportation Co.

He believes in balanced transportation and has spent endless hours working toward that goal. Mr. Newcomb, for many years superintendent of schools, Long Beach Unified School District, has a keen insight into the need for mass transportation.

Before you stew and fuss, the next time you're caught behind a bus in traffic, think! That big, awkward looking people mover is doing you a real favor. Look at it this way... Every loaded bus you see during the morning or evening rush hour means 40 less cars on the street, 40 less drivers you have to worry about, or 40 less ways to bang up a fender. Sure, it's big and takes up its lane and sometimes part of yours, but don't knock it, things could be worse — 40 times worse.

The good folks down at RTD have been a little distressed by the response, or better still, the lack of it, to the new lines in many areas. Take the 133 line for example. This route runs between La Puente, West Covina and Eastland, passing directly in front of the Queen of the Valley Hospital. The RTD folks think the problem is communication, not service. Not enough people know about it. Spread the word around. Tell someone about the service. Your community is a better place to live with a bus line, and your bankroll will be fatter if you use it instead of that second car.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY
It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing.

Q. Having just discovered a bus line in the Silver Spur area of Rolling Hills, I am anxious to know if I can go to Glendale on it. I have friends in North Glendale that I would like to visit. Mrs. V. R.

A. The line you "discovered" is the 125 line to Los Angeles. Ride any one of the trips and change to the 39 line on Spring Street for North Glendale. I've sent you both timetables.

Q. I work near International Airport and drive from Redondo Beach. Can I get a bus to the corner of Imperial and Sepulveda daily? Mr. T. C.

A. The 51 line from Redondo Beach to Los Angeles goes to that corner. I've sent you a timetable with your map.

Q. My parents live near Carson Street and Anza in Torrance and would like to shop at South Bay. Is there any bus service they can use? Mrs. M.O.

A. The 101 line on Carson will take them to South Bay. Have them check the timetable I've sent so they won't have to wait too long.

Q. My daughter goes to El Camino College, which she can reach by bus from our home in Hermosa Beach. Can I use that same bus for an evening class? Mrs. R. A.

A. I'm sorry but there is no night service on that line.

Send your questions to Artie Dee, Transportation Editor, care of this newspaper. All questions will be answered in the column, or by mail. A system map will be sent FREE to each person writing. NO STAMPS OR STAMPED ENVELOPES ARE NECESSARY.

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