



A-L-L-L-L A-BOARD!

All you theatre organ buffs who get a special thrill out of hearing "Beyond the Blue Horizon" or other old railroad songs on the theatre organ, and who are maybe a little gun-shy about driving to the convention this July because of energy unknowns, don't forget that they're running trains again! And the tracks still run to Detroit.

Not necessarily in a straight line, though. If you live in the West or the central part of the country, there is a lot of really good service via either Chicago or Canada. Unfortunately, those who live closest, in the East or Southeast, will have a harder time taking the train than our friends way out West. But it *can* be done — from almost anywhere. (Our Australian and European conventioners, however, had better come another way . . . they haven't figured out how to make the things float.)

EAST

If you want to plan a train-ride to the "Note-able Nineteenth" and you're in the East, you have to get off a west-bound train in a sleepy little place called Lima, Ohio (home of the original Baldwin locomotive works, I believe) and take a bus to Detroit.

NORTHEAST

Take Amtrak service to Montreal, and ride excellent Canadian trains to our neighbor across the river, Windsor, Ontario. From there, a Canadian National bus will take you through customs and right to the front door of our convention headquarters, Detroit's

Sheraton Cadillac Hotel. There is a lot of fine St. Lawrence River scenery, the opportunity to change trains and rubberneck for a few hours in Canada's most swinging city, the new and exciting Toronto. And the real railroad buffs will get a thrill out of riding the new "Turbo-Train" on the Montreal-Toronto leg.

WEST AND SOUTHWEST

If you come from the West or Southwest and can connect in Chicago, you're in. From both Los Angeles and San Francisco, you can ride a train again. Los Angeles service is reported to be excellent, like the great "Super-Chiefs" of the past, fast, fine Santa-Fe roadbed, and great Southwestern scenery. *So* good, however, that you must make reservations. (And, even before the energy crunch, making an Amtrak reservation can be an exercise in real patience. Even before energy problems, the best accommodations were snapped up weeks in advance. Be forewarned!)

NORTHWEST

There are *two* trains from Seattle, the Empire Builder, running over the old Great Northern (now Burlington Northern) tracks, or more properly, it seems, over the *ties*, at times, and the North Coast Hiawatha, running on Milwaukee Road tracks and through better scenery. In fact, the only mountain scenery the Empire Builder provides, is the Washington Cascades and Glacier National Park, and the schedule is such that you may miss the Glacier Park scenery totally.

It is our understanding that the North Coast Hiawatha may be a better deal. It goes through more scenic country, and certainly the Milwaukee Road roadbed is exceptional. We would recommend that you consider this train, even if the Chicago to Detroit connections aren't so good.

VANCOUVER

It's just a quick train ride from Seattle to Vancouver, or a delightfully scenic combined boat-bus junket, with a four hour boat trip from Seattle to Victoria, B. C. on board the Canadian Pacific steamer, "Princess Margurite", good bus service from downtown Victoria to downtown Vancouver (via British Columbia ferries through the beautiful Straits of Georgia islands) and your choice of *two* fine, well-maintained, *fantastic* scenery streamliners across Canada to Toronto, with fast four-hour service to Windsor. Both thread their way up the rugged Fraser River canyon, and then part. Canadian Pacific crosses the Rockies following essentially the route of the Trans-Canada Highway, through Banff and Calgary. Canadian National takes a more northern, possibly even more scenic, route through Jasper and Edmonton. Both are popular trains even without an energy crunch. Make plans early.

You just can't beat the fun of travelling by train. It's a great way to see the country and maybe, for you (particularly if you'll be with a group) a great way to come to the "Note-able Nineteenth!"

All Aboard!

