

TRANSIT AUTHORITY PROPOSES CUT IN LOCAL BUS SERVICE

Changes in service on two local bus lines are proposed in a survey made available to the Board of Estimate by the New York City Transit Authority.

Of the many modifications in service proposed, localites will be concerned with the plan to terminate the Metropolitan Ave. B-53 line at Jamaica Ave. instead of its present terminus at 171st St. and the elimination of service on the B-59 Grand St. line from 7 P. M. to 5 A. M. on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday.

In the case of the Metropolitan Ave. line the Transit Authority contends that three alternate services are available and adequate and on the Grand St. line the number of passengers during the hours when service is proposed to be eliminated is far below the number required to operate profitably. It is estimated that the curtailment in service will save approximately \$100,000 a year.

The Transit Authority reports on these two lines follow:

B-59 Grand Street Bus Line
It has been recommended by operating personnel that the Transit Authority discontinue service on the B-59 Grand Street bus line in Brooklyn and Queens after 7 p. m. until 5 a. m. on weekdays, and all day Saturday and Sunday, because adequate alternate service is available. The bus line now runs at a loss for lack of passengers.

The alternate B-53 Metropolitan bus line operates on the same street from Williamsburg Bridge Plaza to Metropolitan Bridge, which is about 40 per cent of the route. For those wishing to continue beyond Metropolitan Bridge, the Authority will issue free transfers to the B-57 Flushing Avenue trolley coach which runs to Maspeth in Queens, the same destination as the Grand Street bus.

Surveys made at Morgan Avenue -- a peak loading point show that buses at night make 71 trips, covering 327 miles and carrying 386 passengers. This averages eight passengers per 66-passenger bus. The revenue averages 32.9 cents per mile and the operating cost is 88.82 cents per mile. This is a loss of 56 cents per mile. The Saturday and Sunday losses are comparable.

The Authority estimates that these proposed changes will result in an annual saving of approximately \$100,000.

the Transit Authority by operative personnel is that a portion of the Metropolitan Ave. B-53 bus line in Queens be discontinued. The part involved in on Jamaica Ave. between Metropolitan Ave. and 171st St., a distance of 1.6 miles. Three other lines now serve that route.

The proposal is based on results of a number of checks on the need for this portion of the line, plus the more-than-adequate alternate service available.

The Broadway-Jamaica subway line's elevated tracks run directly over the Metropolitan Ave. bus line, and during the period when use of the bus service is heaviest, traffic on the BMT line is light and accommodations are more than adequate for additional passengers. Moreover, the same street is also covered by two other bus lines, the B-22 (Atlantic Ave.) and the B-56 (Jamaica Ave.).

Passengers changing from the B-53 bus at its proposed new terminus would receive free transfers to other buses.

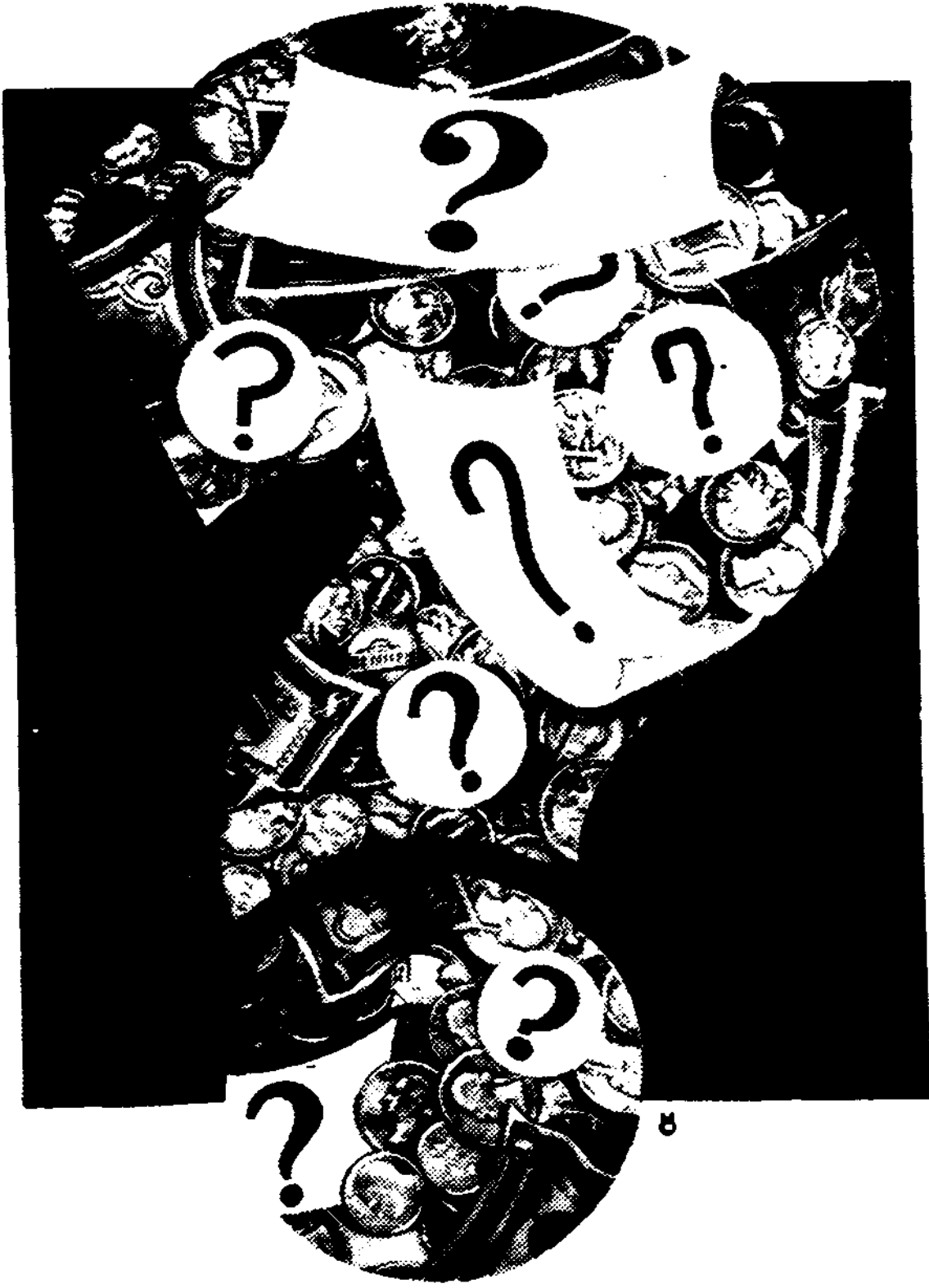
Public hearings on these proposed changes will be held at 10:30 A. M. Monday in the auditorium of the Board of Education Building, 110 Livingston St. and probably will be attended by representatives of civic and business organizations from this and other sections.

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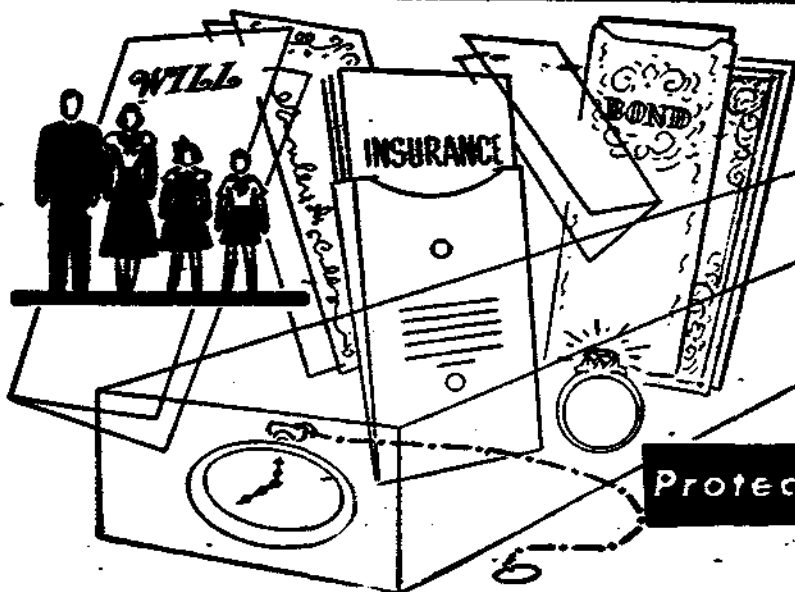
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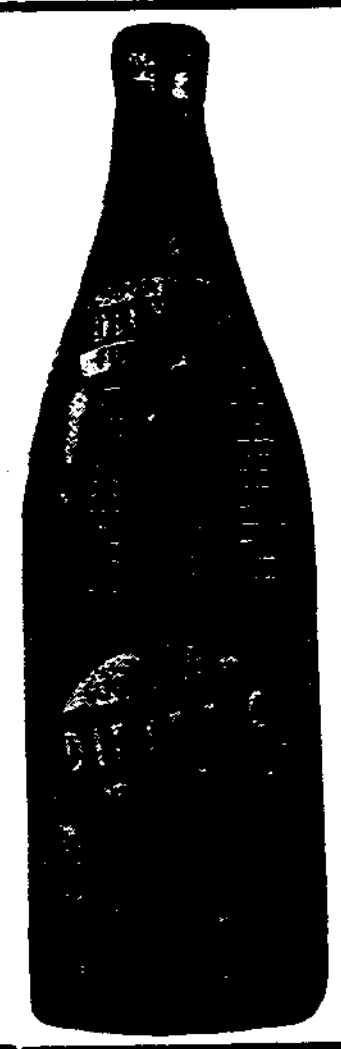
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