Britain Hopes To Launch Gas Turbo Train in 1956

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LONDON — [illegible] to have a coal-fired gas turbine locomotive on the rails next year.

The emphasis [illegible] the word "hopes." The date [illegible] The "three-way [illegible] involving the industry [illegible] coal power and [illegible] is one of a number [illegible] being taken by the nationalized British Railways to modernize its vast system.

Advance information is restricted, but it is hoped that the pilot model will be competitive in every way with present-day steam locomotives [illegible] the added economic advantage of fuel saving.

One view is that the new model will consume half the coal used by a steam train on the 400-mile London-to-Glasgow run. In a country whose coal industry is flagging to the extent that coal imports are necessary, the saving on the British Railway's coal consumption last year of 13,000,000 tons would be considerable. It is also anticipated that servicing costs would be lessened.

The coal-fired gas turbine itself is the product of a Newcastle firm.

The company declines to give full details of operation but says that the hot exhaust gases from the turbine are recirculated for [illegible] combustion air which the turbine takes in.

The power will be transmitted mechanically in the locomotive [illegible] but separately.

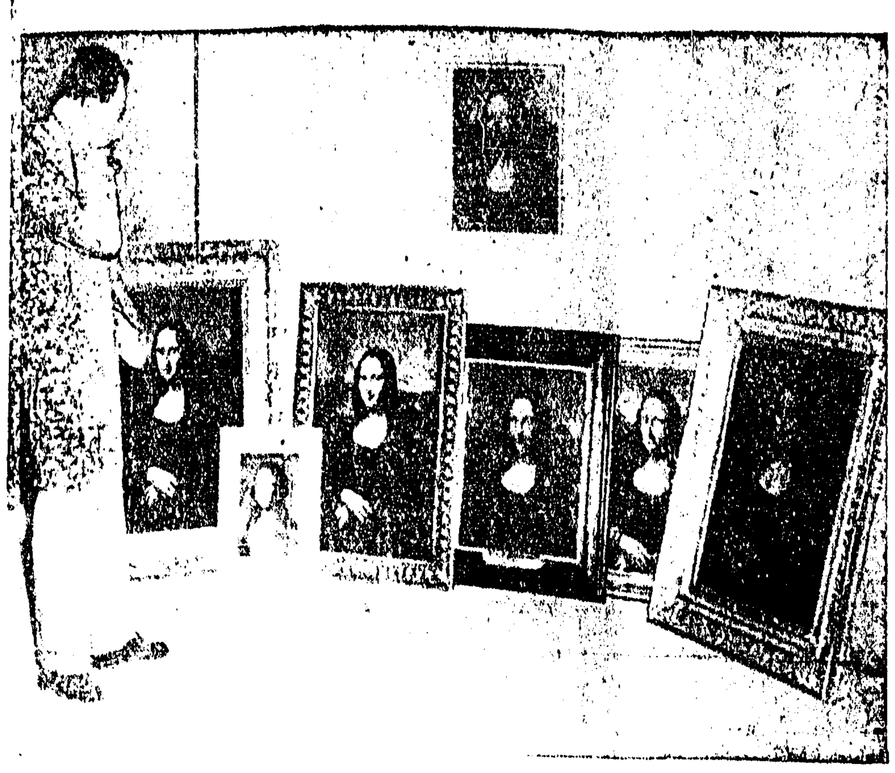
TURBINE VEHICLE

The locomotive builder says its vehicle for the turbine is "a single unit carried on two six-wheeled bogies." The power 1,600 horsepower at the rails will be transmitted to four of the six axles.

British railways already have [illegible] coal-fired gas turbine locomotives in experimental service and say that research is continuing. One was built in the United Kingdom, the other in Switzerland.

In addition, British Railways has launched a five-year, £1,200,000,000 dieselization program, and has already placed 1955-56 orders for 170 main-line diesel locomotives. Costs per unit will be between £70,000-£80,000 compared with £20,000 for a steam main-line locomotive. But operating and servicing costs, plus turnround times, are less.

In addition, British Railways is going ahead with a heavy main-line electrification program including London routes to York and the cities of Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool in the northwest.



FAIR WARNING — The man looking over the "Mona Lisas" can't be blamed for scratching his head — the real one is safe in the Louvre, despite the authentic appearance of these copies. The group was on display at the Grand Palais' show of "Fakes in Art and History," running concurrently with the International Police Show in Paris. It's plain to see that much fine talent went into the bogus paintings.

IWA Approves Two Year Pact For Pay Boost

VANCOUVER (CP) — The 30,000 B.C. coast members of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO-CCL) have approved a two-year contract granting them a wage increase, it was announced here Monday.

Joe Morris, IWA district president, said the contract, drawn up by a conciliation board after three weeks of negotiations, provides an immediate boost of five cents an hour and another five cents next year.

Also included in the new contract were certain fringe benefits, including portal-to-portal pay and fare allowances in modified form.

Mr. Morris said result of the membership vote could not be disclosed because "it's against union policy."

ANCIENT SHRINES

Cave-temples in the Vindyha hills in Hyderabad are believed to have been built by Buddhist monks about 300 BC.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Miss Brash Gets Fancy and Out-Smarts Herself

Miss Brash got fancy in the bidding of this hand and, as is often the case, succeeded in out-smarting nobody but herself.

After her partner opened the bidding with one spade, it occured to her that it might be good strategy to avoid mentioning her fine diamond suit. Bidding two clubs might avert a club opening in case her side ended up in three no trump.

Mr. Abel's two heart bid happened to fit into this plan perfectly and game at no trump was reached.

It probably would have been made, too, if Mr. Dale's clubs had been headed by something like A Q 9. Surely he would have been reluctant to lead from that holding when clubs had been bid on his right.

DALE SUSPICIOUS

But with his actual club holding, plus the fact that it was Miss Brash who had made the two club bid, he was extremely suspicious. Miss Brash might have been dealt four or five clubs headed by the jack—but he didn't think so.

North dealer East-West Vulnerable.

NORTH
Mr. Abel
♠ A K 10 7 2
♥ A Q J 9
♦ 8 7 3
♣ 3

WEST
Mr. Dale
♠ 6 3
♥ 7 6 4 2
♦ 6 5
♣ A K Q 10 9

EAST
Mr. Champion
♠ Q J 9 8
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 4
♣ J 7 4 2

SOUTH
Miss Brash
♠ 5 4
♥ 8 5
♦ A K Q J 10 2
♣ 8 6 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

A conventional signal helped materially in defeating the contract. Mr. Dale opened the ace of clubs.

The convention is that when an ace is opened against a no trump contract, the partner of the leader is requested to play his highest card in the suit led.

Since the opening leader would not lead an ace except from a long and nearly solid suit, the purposes of the convention are to clarify the situation for the opener immediately and to avoid the possibility of blocking the suit.

COULDN'T BE SURE

Applying these points to today's deal, suppose Mr. Dale had cashed two top clubs at tricks one and two and Mr. Champion had followed suit with any two of his clubs, not including the jack. Then Mr. Dale could not have been sure that Miss Brash did not hold the guarded jack.

Of course Mr. Champion did play the jack at the first trick and Mr. Dale then ran the rest of the suit to put the contract down one.

Note that Miss Brash would have had no trouble making game at diamonds.

ONE-SWAN-POWER RHINE JOURNEY — Like a modern Lohengrin, Professor Walter Minarz pilots a giant swan down the Rhine River to publicize the forthcoming flower carnival of Traunsee, a health resort in the Salzkammer Mountains, of which Minarz is chairman. Made of 20,000 plastic flowers the swan is mounted onto a Diesel-engine-powered motorboat.

Death Threat Sent Governor

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—Eoka, an underground terrorist organization campaigning for union of Cyprus with Greece, Monday night threatened death to Sir Robert Armitage, governor of this British colony, and to leaders of the Cyprus Turkish community. A letter handwritten in Greek, in red ink and carrying a Nicosia postmark, was received by Fazil Kutchuk, general secretary of the Cyprus Turkish national party.

Todd Continues Fighting Role In Dam Busters

HOLLYWOOD—Richard Todd follows his highly-successful real-life characterization in "A Man Called Peter" with a real-life portrayal in Warners' "The Dam Busters," somewhat closer to the real Todd.

In "The Dam Busters", the story of the Royal Air Force's greatest raid in the Second World War Todd plays an RAF squadron leader. Dick was himself a fighting man in the war, a parachutist who dropped into France the day before the Allied invasion.

Dick Todd had become an actor, but not a well-known one, shortly before the war. His screen career got its biggest boost after the war, as a result of his portrayal of Lachie, the Scots sergeant, in "The Hasty Heart."

Dick was born in Dublin, Eire, the son of Major and Mrs. Marville Palethorpe-Todd. Major Todd was in the Army, and when Richard was two, moved himself and his family to India. Two years later, the Major's regimental duties brought the Todds back to Ireland where Dick grew up.

After completing his education, Dick at first decided to become a playwright, and, to learn something about the theatre, he became an actor. He acted with repertory companies in small towns until the war when he volunteered for Army service and was commissioned into the famous King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He transferred to a parachute battalion in time to bail out over Normandy on June 5, 1944.

In 1946, after receiving his discharge from the Army, Todd returned to acting in the provinces. There he met a young actress, Catherine Bogle, who was looking for a leading man for the play, "Claudia." Dick took the part and not long afterward, Catherine Bogle as his wife. About this time, too, he made up his mind to concentrate on acting and forget about writing plays until he felt he knew enough about a particular situation to write about it.

So he and Mrs. Todd came to London. Dick's first play flopped, but his performance in it attracted the attention of Associated British Pictures who signed him to a contract. His job in "For Them That Trespass," his first film, sold Warner Bros. on Richard Todd. His next assignment was before the Warner cameras in one of the plum roles of the year in "The Hasty Heart."

Since "The Hasty Heart," Todd has starred in such pictures as "Stage Fright," "Portrait Of Claire," "Lightning Strikes Twice," "Flesh and Blood," "Robin Hood," "The Sword and the Rose," "Rob Roy" "A Man Called Peter" and the forthcoming "Sir Walter Raleigh and the Virgin Queen" and "The Dam Busters."

Vital facts: Hair: Dark brown; height: 5'10"; weight: 151; eyes: Green; born: Dublin, Eire; birthday: June 11, 1920; wife: Catherine Bogle; children: a son, called Peter, born in 1952.

Nudists' Meet At North Van

NORTH VANCOUVER (CP) — More than 150 nudists representing affiliated clubs throughout Canada will be guests of the North Vancouver Van Tan Club at the annual convention of the Canadian Sunbathing Association, July 9-10.

Officials of the Van Tan Club, oldest nudist organization in Canada, said Monday they would have sentries posted around the club's grounds to warn visiting sunbathers from straying too close to civilization, where residents might see and complain.

Club grounds are situated on a cliff-like promontory high above the city and includes such luxuries as a snack bar and swimming pool.

Delegates are expected to come mainly from Alberta, Saskatchewan and nearby U. S. states, officials said here.

Also invited are radio and newspaper reporters but press photographers have been banned.

During the convention, the royal family of nudism will be crowned, new officers elected and policy formulated.

"LITTLE RUSSELLER" — On location in the "wild West" Jane Russell cheerfully poses for a little Indian shutterbug who had trouble lifting the camera high enough to take in all the actress' main features. Filming Universal-International's "Foxfire" in Oatman, Ariz., Miss Russell is not helping to cool off that blazing desert.

Priests May Return Home

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Vatican secretary of state office said today that two Argentine prelates recently expelled by the Argentine government have "evidently really obtained permission to return home."

A spokesman said that no permission, however, had been relayed through the Vatican. Nor was there any immediate confirmation from President Juan Peron's government in Buenos Aires.

The prelates are Bishop Manuel Tato, whose expulsion June 15 was quickly followed by Vatican excommunication of Peron and all others responsible, and his assistant, Msgr. Ramon Novoa.

They sailed Monday from Genoa for the international eucharistic congress at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 17-24.

CONTINUE TO ARGENTINA

Just before sailing, Bishop Tato told the Genoa correspondent of Rome's Il Quotidiano, official organ of Italian Catholic Action: "We are going to the Brazil eucharistic congress and then are sure to continue on to Buenos Aires."

The Vatican spokesman said that "evidently they really have obtained permission to return home after the congress. The communication, however, was not given to the Vatican but personally to the two prelates, inasmuch as they were the interested parties.

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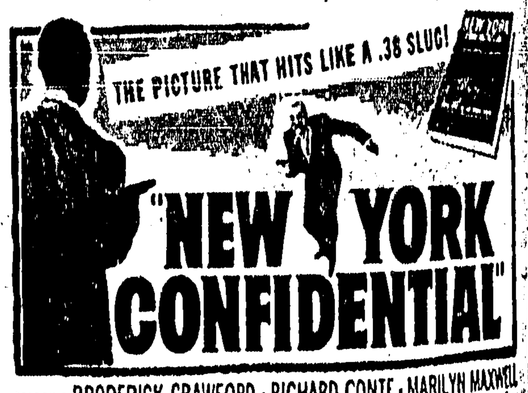

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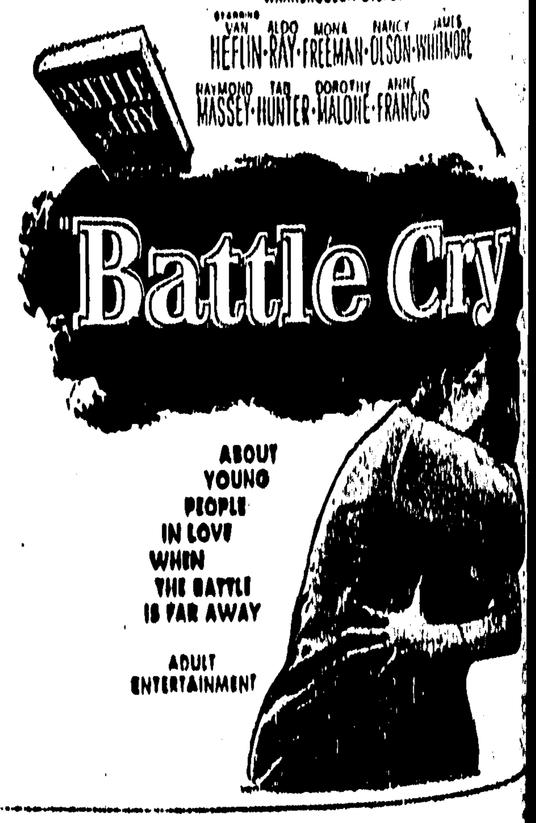
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