

RE: ROTHER VALLEY RAILWAY – SUBMISSION

My name is Nicholas Anthony Young. I am a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and have advised Mr. and Mrs. Ainslie, who are the owners of Moat Farm, Robertsbridge. However, for the avoidance of doubt, I am here in my personal capacity to make a submission to the Public Enquiry as follows.

On Sunday, 14th January 1962, my father, Geoffrey Aubrey Russell Young, was killed by a steam locomotive on a level crossing at Bourne End in Buckinghamshire.

The car he was driving stalled on the railway track and the train pushed the car 90 yards down the line. My father was killed and I was a close witness. The fatality was reported on the front page of the Daily Telegraph the next day.

This left my brother and I without a father and my mother a widow until the day she died. I had thought, for many years, that this was a “freak” accident as I knew of no others, however, research reveals that there were 43 people killed 16 years earlier in a train derailment at the same place.

Graeme Paton of The Times newspaper, reported that Network Rail log the equivalent of at least one case of level crossing “misuse” every day last year.

In all, 394 incidents were logged in 2017/2018. Five were killed on level crossings (excluding suicides) and seven vehicles were hit despite £100 million being spent over the last five years to improve safety. About 1,100 level crossings have been closed to cut dangers. Network Rail have been criticised for being slow to take action. Bob Crow, the former General Secretary of the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers Union (RMT) stated that “we have seen only recently National Rail cannot stop the carnage that is an ever present risk wherever rail meets road. The only solution is speeding up the phase out of these crossings”. That is why I have come here today to make the point that the level crossing proposed over the busy A21 London to Hastings main road will, in all likelihood, cause accidents and possibly fatalities. For this sole reason it is my submission that this ill-conceived Rother Valley Railway scheme should not be allowed to proceed.

Thank you.



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TH SMALLPOX SUSPECT DIES

Thousands queue for vaccination

TO INTRODUCE COMPULSION

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER
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MORE POSTAL WORKERS SEEK OVERTIME BAN
DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER
DEMANDS for a ban on overtime are increasing in the Union of Post Office Workers and will be considered by the union executive on Wednesday. Since work-to-rule began a few

Office officials have accepted the union's representations that three hours overtime a day should be the limit.

Post Office regulations specify normal 18 hours overtime a week. But the union official said that the rule was made in emergency conditions that members could be asked to work more.

Another Union official said that although the mail position had eased in London, due to the suspension of the parcels service and diversions in some places.

They estimated that over the country more overtime was being worked this week and than last and that the Post Office bill would be even higher. This was denied by a Post Office official who said low overtime had been denied.

MAIL IMPROVEMENT
The Post Office claimed last night that the situation is general was a "fine deal better" than last week, particularly in the provinces. Provincial officials handling mail arrived from London are well on top of the work.

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DIRECTOR HURT BY 'GIFT BOMB' FOUND SHOT

POLICE SAY NOT FOUL PLAY

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER
MR. CHARLES ALBERT TURNER, 57, the company director who was injured when a Christmas parcel bomb exploded in his face on Dec. 22, was found dead from gunshot wounds yesterday. A sporting gun was found beside him.

Police said last night that foul play was not suspected. The corner had been told.

Mr. Turner's body was discovered in the garage of his home in Common Lane, Kings Langley, Herts, by a neighbour Mr. William Lane. Mr. Lane went to the house after Mrs. Turner had been unable to find her husband.

Mr. Turner, who was managing director of Diamond H. Swiches, of Church, returned home from the West Herts Hospital. He had been treated for burns to his face, hands and chest caused by the parcel bomb.

AFTER PARTY
Detectives are treating the explosion as an attempted murder. Mr. Turner opened the parcel bomb after returning with his wife from a Christmas party at his firm.

Police issued yesterday a description of a van and a man who was seen near the Turner's home on Dec. 21.

The van was an almost new Standard Companion or a Ford Thames. It was driven quickly to the Turner's home and a man was seen leave the van hurriedly carrying a package.

The man is described as between 35 and 40, 5ft 5in, thickset, with brown wavy hair, mustache and a nose. He was wearing a brown flannel sports jacket and grey flannel trousers.

A senior police officer said last night: "It was a coincidence that we decided to issue the description of the van and man today. The inquiries into the Turner's life will go on. We are treating it still as an attempted murder."

QUEEN'S PLANE FOR PREMIER
SANDRINGHAM VISIT
By Our Political Staff
The Queen has placed a lion of the year's flight at the disposal of the Prime Minister for a visit he is to make to Sandringham today. He will fly from Gatwick.

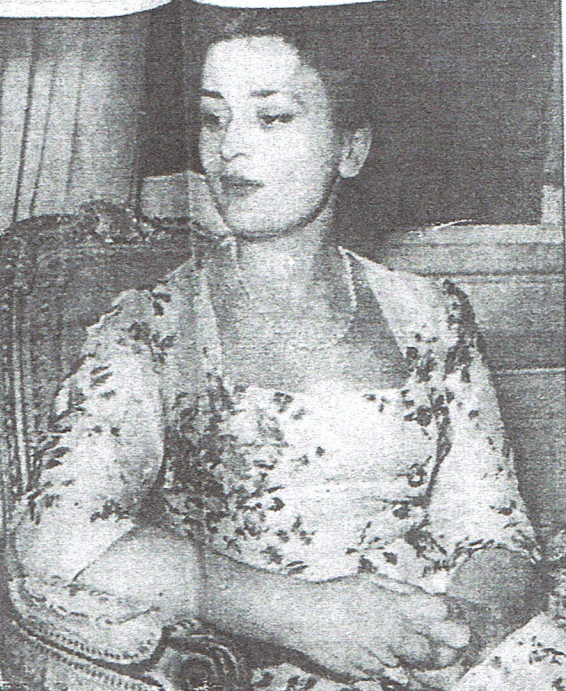
It will be the Prime Minister's first audience since the middle of December. Among the events on which he can be expected to report are his talks with President Kennedy in Bonn, and Dr. Adenauer in Bonn.

Mr. Macmillan will stay to lunch and return later this afternoon. He will not be accompanied by Lady Dorothy Macmillan. The visit has no official political significance.

CENTIGRADE'S COOL START
10066 IN SCILLIES
Daily Telegraph Reporter
With the beginning of the meteorological Office's issue of temperature in Centigrade as well as Fahrenheit, many parts of England had a sunny day yesterday.

Swansea, Dorset, had eight hours' sunshine. A temperature of 10deg C (50deg F) was recorded in the Scilly Isles.

Temperatures in London remained in the lower 40s, with sun counteracting a cold wind. But by 7 p.m. Gatwick Airport was down to freezing point. An Anti-cyclonic Association spokesman said mobile Association spokesman said that the weather was "fine" in the south, but "dull" in the north.



Ex-Queen Dina, 32, former wife of King Hussein, making her statement yesterday at her parents' villa at Maadi, Cairo.

Mr. GIZENGA'S REARGUARD COLLAPSES

300 GENDARMES SURRENDER

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
LEOPOLVILLE, Sunday.
The 300 Congolese rebel leaders of Katanga Military Police Camp, Stanleyville, re-latest rearguard of Mr. Gizenga, pro-Communist Deputy Prime Minister, surrendered today to Gen. Lumumba, the Central Government emissary.

The men yesterday arrested their commander, a captain and a sergeant-major, and beat them up, apparently because the three were loyal to Gen. Lumumba. It is not clear how the fighting started but there seems to have been an attempt by the gendarmes either to arrest Gen. Lumumba or to enable Mr. Gizenga, who lives under the threat of arrest by the Central Government, to get away.

Mortar fire was exchanged between the camp and the loyal troops. Eight Katanga rebels and six Lumumba soldiers were killed.

This morning there was a 30-minute battle. Then Gen. Lumumba's soldiers took the camp, put the gendarmes under guard and sent the wounded to hospital.

GUARDS DROP GUNS
Thirty-four military police guarding Mr. Gizenga's house on the banks of the Congo river, which became a stronghold in the fighting, dropped their guns and were taken prisoner after being ordered to surrender in 30 minutes "or to annihilated."

Gen. Lumumba, whose forces are being supported in the effort to maintain order by a battalion of United Nations Ethiopian troops, sent the Gizenga guards to the Ethiopian camp.

It was reported that in a cable to Mr. Adom, the Prime Minister, Mr. Gizenga said he would go to Leopoldville on Saturday.

A battalion of United Nations Nigerian troops, standing by in Leopoldville to be shifted to Stanleyville, were told to-night they would probably not be required.

EX-QUEEN DINA BEGS TO SEE HER CHILD

APPEAL TO KING HUSSEIN AFTER 5-YEAR SILENCE

From JOHN OSMAN, Daily Telegraph Special Correspondent

CAIRO, Sunday.
KING HUSSEIN's first wife, ex-Queen Dina of Jordan, to-day broke five years' silence to protest that since the King divorced her in 1957 she has never been allowed to see their daughter Princess Alia, who will be six next month.

In a public appeal to King Hussein, the ex-Queen asked to be given "every normal woman's right of free access to her child." In a typewritten statement which she handed to me, she said she doubted whether all her appeals to the King had reached him.

She said the attractive 33-year-old ex-Queen in a drawing room of the pleasant villa in the exclusive Cairo suburb of Maadi.

Behind her stood a signed, crowded portrait of King Hussein, crowned portrait of Princess Alia, and photographs of Prince Faisal, King of Iraq, and other Arab royal figures.

RELUCTANT DECISION
Last Resort
In the statement, which is signed "Dina," she says that she has been "reluctantly on a public appeal to her former husband after five years and painful consideration. The plea is her last resort to try to get access to her child."

The decision to issue this statement, she says, was a "very painful one" and she has "deliberated carefully my duties and feelings as a mother and the heavy responsibilities and requirements of restraint placed upon a woman in my position."

Ex-Queen Dina goes on: "As former wife and Queen to his Majesty I have always been aware of my duties both towards his Majesty and towards the people of Jordan."

She says that she has exhausted every private method of trying to see her daughter. She feels "reluctant to take public action after a painful but fruitless wait."

She says she has appealed to the King for the removal of the barriers which have prevented her from seeing her daughter. She says she has been "reluctant to take public action after a painful but fruitless wait."

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LABOUR MP DIES IN HOSPITAL
GROUP CAPT. WILCOCK
By Our Political Staff
Group Capt. C. A. B. Wilcock, Labour M.P. for Derby North, died in Westminster Hospital last night after a stroke. He was 63.

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INDIA NEAR VICTORY
England face defeat by India today in the fifth and final Test at Madras with only five wickets left; they still need 216 runs for victory. India were all out for 180 in their second innings yesterday, which left England the task of getting 316 runs in 47 minutes to win.

R. A. Roberts—P.11

To-day's Weather
London (Mild, Partly Cloudy)
Glasgow (Mild, Partly Cloudy)
Manchester (Mild, Partly Cloudy)
Birmingham (Mild, Partly Cloudy)
Liverpool (Mild, Partly Cloudy)
Cardiff (Mild, Partly Cloudy)
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MAN KILLED IN CRASH

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER
MR. RUSSELL YOUNG, 30, died in hospital last night after a one-carriage train crashed into his car at Spode Oak Crossing, Boar's Head, Bucks, yesterday. The car was pushed nearly 90 yards along the track.

Mr. Young's 10-year-old son and Mr. Robert Coward, who lives near the Youngs in Manor Road, St. Albans, Bucks, were operating the crossing gates. They were uninjured.

The train, carrying the "Morning Post" and "Daily Mail" papers, was travelling from Marlow to Bourne End.

Car Overturns
Three men were killed and a woman was injured when a car and a motor-cycle were in collision on the A5, near Marlow, Bucks, yesterday. The car was a 1951 Ford, driven by Gordon Miller, 21, his million, passenger, Peter Gray, 18, both of Woodbury, Bucks, and the car driver, Edward Graham of Rochester, Kent, was seriously ill in hospital last night.

Daughter's Death
Miss Ellen R. R. 20, daughter of the American Ambassador to the Netherlands, was critically injured in a car crash at Alford, Flintshire, yesterday. She was driving to Southampton University, where she is a student, after a holiday in Holland.

MADEIRA AND THE CANARIES
OUR HOLIDAY MAKERS RETURNED FROM MADEIRA AND THE CANARIES after a most enjoyable and successful holiday. We can offer accommodation to and from these holiday islands at most of the rates which you wish to pay.

decision to "water down" information sent to Sadiq Khan, the capital's mayor, about delays to the project, an inquiry by the London Assembly found.

The body, which scrutinises the performance of the mayor, said that senior Crossrail figures had become "obsessed" with the official launch date for the project last December, even after it was clear that it would be missed. It was announced last August that the launch would have to be put back be-

cause that, as early as January last year, the consultancy Jacobs had reviewed the project and reported "significant risks" to the scheduled opening date. The warnings had been "largely missed or ignored" by Crossrail Ltd — a TfL subsidiary which is delivering the project — and TfL itself.

The report also focuses on weekly briefings on Crossrail delivered to Mr Khan from February last year. They were written by Crossrail and TfL staff, though had been reviewed in "back-

A more than 100 references to problems caused by equipment failures including signal radio communications, platform screen doors and train software." In commentary attached to the email, a senior TfL official admitted that this wording "was amended by Mike so that the setbacks appeared less serious".

TfL said that nothing had been kept from the mayor unless it was "incorrect or inconsistent" with what Crossrail Ltd was telling him in face-to-face meetings.

Surge in near-misses at level crossings

Graeme Paton

The number of people risking death on railway level crossings is the highest in eight years despite a big safety drive.

Network Rail logged the equivalent of at least one case of level crossing "misuse" every day last year. Most incidents involved near misses between trains and pedestrians, cyclists or vehi-

cles. In all 394 incidents were logged on the network in 2017-18. Five people were killed on crossings, excluding suicides, and seven vehicles were hit.

It comes despite £100 million being spent over the last five years to improve safety. About 1,100 crossings have been closed to cut dangers. However, the company has faced criticism for being too slow to take action. It was fined

£1 million after two teenage girls were killed at a crossing in Elsenham, Essex, in 2005. Last year it was reported that an automatic gate installed after the deaths had been broken for at least five months.

Last week it emerged that the mother of a 16-year-old girl who died while sitting between tracks at Hipperholme, West Yorkshire, was suing the company. Network Rail denies failings.

