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## It Will Take Two Men to Step into Arthur Winston's Shoes



TOS Ivan McCargo will be the *oldest* employee at Metro ...

At 89, TOS Ivan McCargo will be the new oldest Metro employee when Arthur Winston retires on his 100th birthday in March. McCargo has no plans to retire in the near future because, he said, "I love my job and I like working with people. I just like the atmosphere here. And the system, of course."

Operator Donald Dube will be the *most senior* employee.

A Metro employee for 47 years, Donald Dube is the most senior employee, second only to Arthur Winston, who has 72 years' service. Dube didn't know he was going to be the most senior after Winston left, but he wasn't surprised. "Well, I have been here a long time," he said.

By JIMMY STROUP

(Feb. 15, 2006) With the upcoming retirement of Arthur Winston on his 100th birthday in March, Metro will find itself with a new oldest working employee and a new most senior employee—both titles Winston held by a good margin.

Though it isn't one person who can fit the bill, it will be one division—Carson Division 18—that will have the newest oldest employee, 89-year-old Transportation Operations Supervisor Ivan McCargo, and the newest most senior employee, 47-year veteran Operator Donald Dube.

### Ivan McCargo: Metro's Oldest

An employee at the Chicago Transit Authority before coming west to work in California, McCargo was around and working in transit when Los Angeles still had a trolley line. A Metro employee since 1960, McCargo has been around to see some of the remarkable changes LA transportation has gone through.

"The most dramatic change is, of course, the rail system," he said. "Then the express buses, the Orange Line and the Rapid buses—none of that was

around when I started, either.”

McCargo stopped driving for Metro in 1973 and took the position he still holds today as a TOS. He attributes his longevity mostly to God, but said there were other things you could do to help keep on keeping on.

“The secret is: a positive mental attitude, love people and good healthy living,” he said, adding that he isn’t intending to stop working while his health remains good.

As for being crowned Metro’s oldest employee once Winston retires, McCargo was none too surprised to learn about his new distinction.

“That had occurred to me. I thought you might be along to come down and see me,” he said.

**Donald Dube: Metro’s Most Senior**

When Dube came to California from his native New Hampshire in 1955, it was the military that brought him here. And after he left the service in 1958, it was a job at Metro that would eventually be responsible for making him stay.

“I didn’t decide to stay here, but the work was so good I just kept on working,” he said. “In fact, when I first started working here, I figured I’d be here for six months. I was going to school at the time and I ran short of cash, so I thought I’d work some then go back to school. I kept putting it off and putting it off, and here it is, 47 years later.”

Now 70, Dube—like McCargo—has watched a lot of changes take place in his nearly 50-year employment with Metro. And one change Dube remembers was a big “change,” indeed.

“When I first started working here, you had to make change for passengers, and keep feeding that changer all the time. That was a lot of hard work,” he said. “They stopped it in, oh, I don’t remember. I started in ’58, so I’ll take a guess and say ’68, something like that.”

Also like McCargo, Dube has no intention of retiring in the near future, and said that he couldn’t entertain the notion of just doing nothing.

“A lot of people who I used to work with and meet from time to time, the first thing they tell me is, ‘Don’t retire! It’s hell. I’ve got nothing to do,’” he said.

With Winston’s retirement, McCargo and Dube will have some big shoes to fill. But with neither intending to retire anytime soon, they’ll be around to celebrate many more birthdays and employment anniversaries.