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Our Vice Chairman and General Manager Mr. B. R. Patel is seen here with the Regional Manager, U.K. and the Chairman of Thos. Cook & Son and Mrs. Stanley Adams at a Cocktails Party held by Mr. Patel at the Dorchester Hotel, London.

## BOEING HANGAR AT SANTA CRUZ— ASIA'S LARGEST

ONE of Asia's largest concrete Hangars is now ready at Santa Cruz, Bombay, to receive the first of the three Boeing 707s, world's largest long range jet airliner, ordered by Air-India International.

The Hangar covers a total area of 49,500 square feet. It is 336 feet broad from wall to wall and 49.6 feet high, making it the highest Hangar in Asia.

An opening is provided at the centre of each bay to accommo-

date the nose of the Boeing 707, should the length of the jet airliner be increased.

Built by Messrs. Gammon India Private Ltd. the Hangar has a highly polished flooring which is dust-proof and oil resisting.

To provide ideal lighting conditions the Hangar is fitted with fluorescent coated Mercury vapour lamps.

Adjacent to the Hangar are the ancillary and overhaul facilities.

A group of new air hostesses who have joined Air-India International, include a German, two Chinese and three Japanese Girls. There are Indian, European, Japanese and Chinese air hostesses flying on Air-India's worldwide network. (see page six for more news)



## Agreement on all points at Traffic Conference

Mr. A. F. Dubash, Commercial Manager—Traffic and Mr. J. C. Malani, Tariffs Manager, were Air-India International's delegates to the Joint Meeting of the IATA Traffic Conferences which was held in Paris on February 16, 1959 to finalise passenger fares, cargo rates and practices which were not agreed upon at the Cannes Meeting.

Earlier Mr. A. F. Dubash attended the North Atlantic Carriers' Meeting in Paris.

THE Traffic Conferences of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) under the Chairmanship of Mr. V. H. L. Dubourcq, Senior Vice President of KLM, ended their meeting in Paris with an agreement on all points.

The meeting was the last stage of the Conference which started in Cannes in September 1958. The agreements reached are, of course, subject to government approval.

The Chairman said, "Perhaps the most important issue resolved was the one regarding fares to be charged on jet and propeller driven aircraft respectively.

"Although there were wide divergencies of opinion as to whether the fares on jet services should be higher than those operated with other types of equipment, both sides made considerable concessions and agreement was reached to cover the next rating period from 1st April 1959 to 31st March 1960; this is essentially a transitional period during which jet operations are being introduced.

"The agreement includes the introduction of surcharges applicable on jet aircraft of \$ 15 one way on economy and tourist fares and \$ 20 one way on first and de luxe fares on all North Atlantic and Mid Atlantic services.

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## PARIS POSTER WINS CAG AWARD

OUR publicity poster on Paris has won the first prize in this year's Commercial Artists Guild exhibition in Bombay.

Designed in our Art Studio, it was painted by Miss Nergesh Khambatta, one of our former artists.

It is gratifying to know that all stations feel our latest poster campaign is excellent and that our posters compare very favourably with those of other airlines.



Mrs. Indrani Rehman, famous Indian danseuse seen on her arrival in Bombay after an extensive tour of Europe partly sponsored by Air-India.

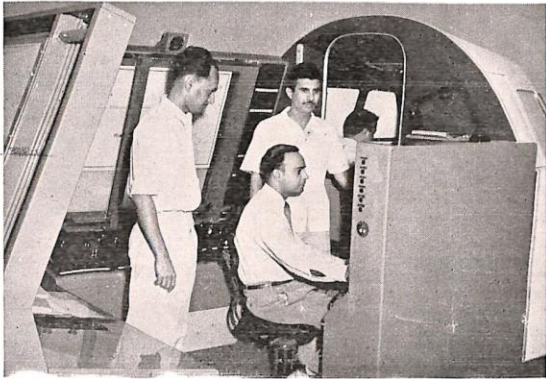
## GREY AND MAGENTA ENSEMBLE FOR RECEPTIONISTS

AIR-INDIA receptionists and Booking Office girls are now sporting the grey and magenta uniforms which were specially designed for the IATA AGM.

The peacock blue sari and yellow choli have been replaced by this more attractive Indian ensemble which proved to be very popular during the Delhi meeting.

General verdict on the change seems to be favourable and "just right for the Jet Age!"





Simulator Training Suggestion Award for Three A-II Men

Three more Air-India Operations staff have left for the U.S.A. this month for specialised training on the Boeing 707 Simulator.

They are : Mr. S. A. Shukla, Senior Synthetic Instrument Instructor, Mr. E. K. Nair and Mr. P. K. Bala, Simulator Maintenance Engineers.

Mr. Shukla will undergo a week's training at Boeing Airplane Co., Seattle, and then go on to Curtiss-Wright Corporation, New Jersey for six weeks training as Instructor on the Boeing Simulator.

The other two engineers will take a Simulator Maintenance Course lasting six weeks at Curtiss-Wright Corporation.

The Boeing 707 Simulator is scheduled for delivery in Bombay by July 1959.

WE have pleasure in informing the staff that a prize of Rs. 50.00 in the form of a National Savings Certificate of the same value has been awarded to Mr. Lowji Phirozeshah Bharucha, Senior Clerk (operator), Machine Accounts, Accounts Department, Santa Cruz, in appreciation of his suggesting a plugging device on the Control Panel of the Tabulator Machine. The device has been helpful in the speeding up of the listing job of Monthly Pay Rolls, thus saving two to three man hours per month in the listing work.

Welfare Course

THE Personnel Dept. recently held a tea party to say "au revoir" to Miss Tara Dandige who has gone for the Welfare Personnel course conducted under the auspices of the Coal Mines Welfare Fund Organization at Bhuli, Bihar. Miss Dandige has been selected to undergo training for six months because of her special flair for welfare work and community activities. She has been largely responsible for popularising the Small Savings Scheme in Air-India.

Gardiner at Agency Meet

MR. B. O. Gardiner went as Air-India's delegate to the Agency Sub-Committee Meeting which was held in Singapore from March 3—6.

The Agency Sub-Committee, an IATA body, meets in each of the three IATA Traffic Conference areas annually.

The Singapore meeting was for Conference Area III.

The Agency Sub-Committee Meeting is a reviewing body which looks into all aspects of agency work done for IATA carriers.

Boeing Training Gathers Momentum

CAPT. P. D. Byramji, Air-India International's Divisional Operations Manager (Training & Licensing) and three senior instructors left Bombay on February 27, 1959 for intensive training courses on jets in the U.K. and the U.S.A.

Later they will proceed to the Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle, U.S.A., for five-weeks on Ground and Flight Training on the Boeing 707 aircraft.

Finally at the Curtiss-Wright Corporation in New Jersey, U.S.A., they will undergo a

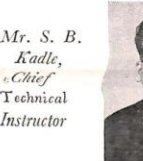


Capt. P. D. Byramji

Capt. T. R. Healy  
Flight Instructor



Mr. D. F. Daruwalla  
Technical Instructor



Mr. S. B. Kadle,  
Chief Technical Instructor

The three senior instructors are : CAPT. T. R. HEALY, Flight Instructor, MR. S. B. KADLE, Chief Technical Instructor and MR. D. F. DARUWALLA, Technical Instructor. They will undergo three distinct phases of training.

At the Rolls-Royce Company in Derby, England, they will take a two-week Transition Training Course on Conway engines which will power the mighty Air-India Boeing 707 jet airliner.

two-week training on the Boeing 707 Flight Simulator.

During his stay in the U.S.A. Capt. P. D. Byramji will carry out an acceptance test of the Boeing 707 Flight Simulator. The acceptance test will be completed by the end of April, 1959.

The Boeing Simulator is scheduled for delivery in Bombay by the end of July 1959.

Recent Postings

Name	Designation	Dept.	From	To
Emerson V. . .	Air-Hostess	Ops.	London	Bombay
Gaubar R. . .	Captain	Ops.	Bombay	London
Kukar M. L. . .	Captain	Ops.	London	Bombay
Sodhi M. S. . .	Offg. Asst. Stn. Supdt.	Tr.	Delhi	S'pore

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(sd.) Sorab Kaikashroo Kooka,  
Editor & Publisher





On arrival in Bombay the two Quiz contest winners Miss Meda Jane Alberse and Miss Mary Ann Hartnett seen at our Booking Office in Bombay with Mr. M. R. Mowji of Sales, Bombay.

## QUIZ WINNERS ARRIVE IN BOMBAY FOR A WEEK

**T**WO winners of the Quiz contest organised by Air-India International in New York arrived in Bombay recently

They were: Miss Meda Jane Alberse and Miss Mary Ann Hartnett, both reservations agents of Pan American World Airways, New York.

The quiz, called "Know your route of the Magic Carpet", consisted of five questions slanted to familiarize interline colleagues with Air-India's world-wide network.

Four prizes consisting of free tickets from London to Bombay

on Air-India and a week's familiarization trip of the city were offered to interline reservation personnel.

More than a 100 selected guests from reservation offices of 15 airlines attended a reception at the Sheraton-East Hotel in New York and participated in the quiz contest.

The other two winners, Miss Katherine Feller and Mr. George Paulos of Swissair will arrive in Bombay later this month.

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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### LOS ANGELES BECOMES REALLY INTERNATIONAL

**T**HE office of Air-India International in Los Angeles became truly international at the close of 1958. The staff, which originally only consisted of the District Sales Manager and a Secretary was augmented by the addition of a Reservation Clerk and a Sales Promotion Officer.

The "International" is emphasized as the District Sales Manager is Canadian-Indian; the Secretary, Mrs. Wilson, is an Australian; the Reservation Officer, Mrs. Jones, is a Hawaiian of Philippine descent, and the most recent addition, Mr. Nani Mital, is a former member of Bombay's sales staff.

## ACCORD ON ALL POINTS AT IATA MEET

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"A scale of surcharges, applicable to both first and tourist class passengers of, for example, \$ 20 for the sector from New York to Buenos Aires, was established to cover all international routes likely to be operated by jet aircraft in the area comprising North and South America, during the ensuing months.

"No surcharge will be applied in the case of jet operations in the Eastern hemisphere.

"Fares within the Far East were, in fact, already agreed at Cannes without the application of jet surcharges. Fares across the Pacific had also been agreed without surcharges for jet operations, but with the provision that,

as far as the North and Central Pacific is concerned, fares could be reconsidered if the carriers wished to do so, when jet operations started across the North or Central Pacific.

"Slight upward adjustments in passenger fares in some areas were established in order to offset increases in costs. At the same time agreement was also reached on the introduction of a wide variety of low level creative and inclusive tour fares in Europe, which were discussed at Cannes but were not finally resolved there. "The Conferences gave considerable thought to various alternative methods of developing

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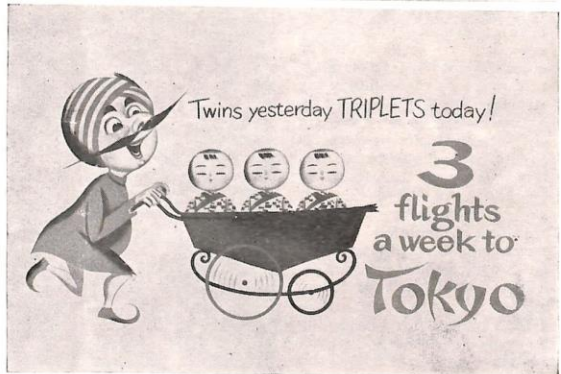
At AII's Interline party in New York: Mr. P. F. Mahta, Sales Manager USA & Canada congratulating the winners of the Quiz contest Miss Katherine Feller (Swissair), Mr. George Paulos (Swissair), Miss Meda Jane Alberse (PAA) and Miss Mary Ann Hartnett with Mr. Ashok Dutt, Sales Promotion Officer, AII New York.

## Indian Flight Navigators Form Own Guild

**T**HE Management is pleased to recognise the newly formed Indian Flight Navigators' Guild for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to the employment of Navigators in the service of the Corporation.

We have no doubt that the Association will extend the fullest co-operation in the smooth flying of the Corporation's aircraft.

We wish the Association a prosperous and long life.





## "GUILT WILL OUT"!

**DM Dusseldorf on Warpath**

Dear Editor :

"Guilt" is a strange feeling. It is said even hardened criminals break down, collapse and confess through no other reason than that of carrying the unbearable burden of "guilt."

Being both, "hardened" and "guilty" we have at last, alas, broken down and with guilt clearly written all over our face we issued the following office memo:

"To all AII staff in Germany:

I regret to state that in spite of many and varied verbal requests and threats no contribution has ever been made by this station to the Magic Carpet (with one noble and notable exception, Mr. Wiegand, our chauffeur). I am now constrained to say that I have taken a firm and irrevocable decision that no staff will be granted an increment unless they have made at least one contribution per year to the Magic Carpet.

Sd. N. H. Dastur  
D. M. Germany."

Guilt clearly began disappearing from our face; our duty done, for the first time we felt guilt-free. Free, till we received the following reply from our staff:

"Dear Sir,

Thank you for your kind staff memo which we read with great care and attention and eventually interest. We have come to the firm conclusion, after duly consulting the Station Accountant and the tax authorities, that in many ways it is not to our great disadvantage if our increment is curtailed. In fact for the Accounts Dept it is a definite advantage as the complex tax structure by every revision in salary entails great work for the accounts and eventually great disappointment to us. The last person to receive an increment of DM 25—per month, in great glee and pleasurable anticipation already spent two months increment in advance, i.e. DM 50,—. He eventually received DM 4,— per month extra (after deduction of taxes, etc.). According to our Accountant he will sustain a loss of DM 2,— this year.

We thank you, dear Sir, for solving so nicely a problem which was so worrisome to us.

Yours gratefully,  
AII staff Germany."

Fate, as you can see, was cruel to us. We were sad but not disheartened, we were disturbed but determined. We inserted the following advertisement in the local newspapers when there occurred a vacancy in our Accounts Dept.

Wanted by  
AIR-INDIA International,  
an ACCOUNTS CLERK  
salary DM 550,—.  
Qualifications: Should be  
fluent in English, have definite  
journalistic tendencies.  
If can add and subtract correctly,  
will have preference.

We now await anxiously the answers to our advertisements.

Whatever the results, you cannot say we have not tried.

Yours in hope,  
N. H. Dastur.

### Interline Party At Rome

A N excellent opportunity of renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, was given by T.W.A.'s Rome City Supervisor, Mr. Scuto on the occasion of a dinner party given for some members of the staff of the Reservations and Booking office departments of the following Airline Companies: AIR FRANCE—AIR INDIA International—

*Little Christine Sipus (aged 2½ years) of Sydney who flew to Zurich by AII is seen getting care and affection from one of our lovely hostesses who accompanied the child.*



ALITALIA—BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS - PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS — SWISS-AIR.

The gathering was held at the "ERNESTO" Restaurant and about 45 to 50 staff members from these Companies attended the party.

Excellent food and delicious wine soon brought a very intimate and joyous atmosphere between all present. The booking staff of AIR INDIA International thought it a pleasure to attend the dinner and spent a very enjoyable evening indeed.

Soon after dessert was served, a real competition of "gags" took place amongst the guests. Presents were thus offered by TWA to those that got the best laughs out of their gags and Mr. Cimarelli of Swissair had to give his best in order to compete against the "verve" of Mr. Costantino of TWA and Mr. Lombardo of Air France.

Thus in an atmosphere of laughs and interline comradeship ended a very pleasant evening for which due credit should be given to Mr. Scuto and other staff members of T.W.A.

N. GIUNTOLI

### Am I Bo(r) eing you? . . .

*(It is time we get down to the business of understanding the jet age language)*

A famous international airline had just started "paper flights" with gleaming new intercontinental Super Jets. There was great consternation and dismay when the first two flights had to land in the ocean when they ran out of fuel. Fortunately for the paper passengers on the paper aeroplanes they only came down on a paper ocean.



### CAIRO RECEPTIONIST VISITS BOMBAY

MISS Nadia Hanna, AII Cairo's raven-haired grey-eyed receptionist was in Bombay recently on a study trip.

Here to familiarize herself with booking office and reservations procedures, Nadia seemed to be enthusiastically lapping up new sights, sounds and impressions.

She has worked in our Cairo office for three years and will be posted shortly as Air India's receptionist at the fabulous Nile-Hilton Hotel in Cairo. Besides English she speaks, French, Italian and Arabic fluently.

While in India Nadia particularly enjoyed visiting museums and art galleries as she is a good painter and a great admirer of different schools of art.

Then there was the trainee who asked the instructor "what happens if a bird flies into a jet engine". The answer: it is feathered of course. But if you look into a running jet engine you may get plucked.

It is officially denied that AIR-INDIA is studying a modification which proposes automatic vacuum cleaning of aircraft cabins by engine suction power. ("Mummy, where is Daddy going?")

Passengers are informed that our weather radar cannot yet show whether their mothers-in-law are at the airport to receive them.

Engine oil for the jets will probably be as expensive as Brillantine. However it won't lubricate your way into Society.

By the way, can you DOPPLE?

S. C. Kale



## LONDON AIRWAYS TERMINAL TO BE EXTENDED

**A**IRWAYS Terminal at Victoria, the London passenger centre used by British Overseas Airways Corporation and seventeen other airlines, is to be extended at an estimated cost of one million pounds. The extension will be at the south end of the existing building and will consist of a basement, ground floor, mezzanine and six upper floors.

In the new basement will be a passenger restaurant twice the size of the existing one, with its own kitchen. The present passenger restaurant will become a staff restaurant. The mezzanine will provide waiting accommodation for up to 300 passengers. It will have a bar and snack counter, rest-rooms, a play-room for young children and shower cubicles, where transit passengers can change their clothes.

## R. G. MULLALLY— SUPERINTENDENT SALES PROMOTION— LONDON

**T**HIS charming concocter of tales  
Is our Superintendent of Sales,  
Gaily boosting our line,  
Over cocktails and wine,  
Travel Agents he coyly regails.

Like Burlington Bertie, the Grand,  
He saunters down Bond Street and Strand,

On his rounds he sets off,  
My word! What a toff,  
With his shining briefcase in his hand.

So handsome, by all he's admired,  
In Savile Row suiting attired,  
Ten-thirty to five,  
Well-known in each dive,  
His sales-talk is truly inspired.

Undismayed by sales in decline  
He shoots a magnificent line,  
Removes magic lid,



Finds revenue hid,  
And everything's rosy and fine.

With publicity second to none,  
"Georgie-Porgie" is ever such fun,  
Oh! Really! By Gad!  
Our Rod is a lad,  
He's a wow, he's a wag, he's a one.

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## 1957 SAFETY RECORD OF IATA MEMBERS

**T**HE International Air Transport Association Safety Statistics for 1957 reveal that 66 airlines out of 81, or three-quarters of the members, had an accident-free year.

In 1957, there were more passengers carried; more miles flown, fewer accidents and fewer fatalities.

Detailed studies of IATA figures show that the number of aircraft accidents reported is the lowest since 1952. The number of passenger fatalities is also the lowest reported by IATA members since the collection of these statistics in 1946.

Passenger fatalities per million passenger kilometers is the lowest ever reported (0.39 as against 0.79 in 1956).

Passenger kilometers flown per passenger fatality have increased 102 per cent, from 127,000,000 in 1956 to 256,400,000 in 1957.

The 1957 figure of 4.23 passenger fatalities per million passengers is also the lowest ever reported.

## They Travel Air-India

Margot, the Z Bomb was clad for the winter upon arrival at London for her visit to the U. K. where she obtained night club and television bookings.

Mr. Eugene Black was a passenger on A. I. I. from London on both the occasions that he flew to Cairo as President of the World Bank, in connection with the Anglo Egyptian Treaty Talks.



We regret to announce the sad death of Sir David Kelly, Chairman of the British Council who was a regular patron of Air-India services.



Sir Hugh Casson recently visited India on the invitation of the Indian Government and this photograph was taken just prior to his departure from London.

The Right Honourable Ormsby Gore, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs left London on our service for Zurich in connection with the recent discussions held over Cyprus.



## IATA Traffic Conference

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cargo. After full discussion, however, the present structure was retained, but the carriers agreed, in accordance with a declared progressive policy of developing the cargo market to its greatest possible extent, to introduce on the North Atlantic special rates for certain defined commodities, such as automobiles, agricultural machinery, chemicals, adding and computing machines and lace, etc. at new low levels as much as one-third less than the existing rates. Basic cargo rates were

increased slightly in certain parts of the world."

Mr. Dubourcq emphasized that the success of the Paris meeting was further evidence that in spite of some gloomy prophets the airlines could successfully regulate their own affairs, however complicated they might be made by the stresses which were natural in a vigorous and rapidly expanding industry. "The jet age may bring its difficulties, but it will also bring its rewards", said Mr. Dubourcq.





Kenneth Moore and Lauren Bacall say "thank you" to the "Maharaja" at Santa Cruz after a pleasant flight on AII. With them are: Mr. Lee Thompson, director of the film: "Northwest Frontier" and Mr. I. S. Johar, Indian film star, who will also act in the film.

## ARTHUR RANK UNIT FLIES A-II FOR FILM "NORTHWEST FRONTIER"

WORLD famous film stars, Lauren Bacall and Kenneth Moore arrived in Bombay by Air-India International to play the leading roles in the forthcoming Arthur Rank film — "Northwest Frontier." They proceeded to Jaipur, location for shooting on the same day. Director Lee Thompson also arrived with the stars.

A special AII charter plane carrying Producer, Marcel Hellman with a full filming unit are already in Delhi. The unit will be on location in India for approximately four weeks.

"Northwest Frontier" is expected to be released in January 1960.

Kenneth Moore played the leading role in "REACH FOR THE SKY" and "A NIGHT TO REMEMBER."

## ANNIVERSARY OF AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

INDIA should keep abreast of the latest technical developments in the field of aviation and children should be given opportunities to become aviation-conscious" said Mr. S. K. Wankhede, Bombay's Minister for Planning and Development.

Mr. Wankhede was inaugurating the tenth anniversary celebrations of the Aeronautical Society of India.

Mr. K. K. Roy, President of the Aeronautical Society announced that the Society would award two gold medals annually—one for outstanding work on the theoretical or technical aspects of aeronautics and the other for important work in the field of aviation. Mr. Roy also dis-



Reading the "Magic Carpet" with great interest are three new Japanese air hostesses who were here in Bombay for training. They are: Miss A. Abinuma, Miss R. Matsuoka, and Miss S. Kaburagi.

## NEW GIRLS AS HOSTESSES

AS part of its jet-age programme Air-India International is training new air hostesses in Bombay to take care of passengers travelling AII's world-wide network covering 56 cities on 4 continents.

closed that Burmah-Shell, a corporate member of the Society, had offered Rs. 1,000 to be awarded annually for the best technical contribution to the Society's journal.

Mr. M. J. B. Maneckji, Vice-Chairman of the Bombay Branch of the Society welcomed the Minister.

Dr. Ghatage was elected President of the Aeronautical Society for the coming year.

Our Technical Director, Mr. A. C. Gazdar, Dr. P. Nilkantan, Mr. K. M. Raha and Mr. S. C. Sen were elected Vice-Presidents.

Air Commodore M. S. Chaturvedi will be Hon. Secretary.

The present batch of trainees include a German, three Japanese and two Chinese hostesses. Their names are: Miss M. Matzke, Miss A. Abinuma, Miss S. Kaburagi, Miss R. Matsuoka, Miss R. Lee and Miss E. L. Wong.

Their training will include all aspects of efficient and courteous flight service—catering, first aid, child care, cabin equipment, emergency drill etc.

Among Air-India's attractive smiling air hostesses are: Indian, European, Japanese and Chinese girls—making Air-India truly "international".

## HOSTESSES ON JAPANESE TV PROGRAMME



Girls from various airlines line up for their TV interviews in Tokyo.

RECENTLY air hostesses from various international carriers were interviewed on television in Tokyo for a half hour programme.

Air-India was represented by one of our lovely Japanese hostesses—Miss M. Nagumo.

The programme, which was televised throughout Japan pro-

ved very popular with the public. Each hostess was questioned about the airline she represented, the routes, equipment, mottos etc. with flags, model aircraft and posters in the background.

Air Hostess Miss M. Nagumo of AII seen being interviewed on a television programme in Tokyo.





## TRAVEL TALK

## Ryokan...the Japanese Inn

### a must for discerning tourist

**A**N overnight stay at a Japanese inn is one item that visitors to the land of the cherry blossoms should mark with a definite "must" in their tour programme, for, aside from the pocketbook angle (native style lodgings are less costly than foreign style hotels), it pays big dividends in new and delightful experiences that you will long remember and cherish.

Best of all, it will enable you to gain a glimpse of how the Japanese people live, an aspect which most of the tourists who flock to these islands annually, have heretofore very seldom seen.

With more than 50,000 of these establishments scattered throughout the country, some are gigantic and others quite diminutive in scale but they all have two common denominators...novelty and charm.

It doesn't matter whether the inn of your choice is hidden away in some nook of a busy, bustling city or situated on the sunny hillside of a quiet, hot spring town. For delightful adventure awaits you as the car rolls up a gravelled driveway and comes to a halt before the wide, spick-and-span entrance.

Two *banto-sans* in blue *happi-coats* appear from somewhere.... one smilingly opens the car door while the other scurries to pick up your travel gear from the luggage compartment.

Entering the doorway, a pair of kimono-clad maid-sans bow low in welcome as you change from shoes to slippers and soon you are escorted through a maze of shiny corridors to your suite that opens onto a miniature garden.

Sealed off from the rest of the world by a natural wall of trees and rocks that form the backdrop for a small, flower-bordered pond, you are afforded a sense of seclusion and privacy that can never be gained within the four walls of a modern Western-style hotel. Here you can luxuriate in peace and comfort amid surroundings that resemble the interior set in "Sayonara."

As you ease your weary frame onto a thick cushion before the low, wide table in the middle of the room, a maid-san serves you tea and sweets and produces a much-thumbed book which she opens before you. This is the hotel register.

With formalities over, the bath-boy appears to announce that preparations have been completed for the honourable bath. Changing into the "yukata," a cotton kimono which is provided by the management, you are escorted to the hot spring pool, a gigantic affair in tile that puts the grandeur of ancient Rome to

shame. It is true that the size and depth of these massive bathtubs vary with each establishment but there are many that can accommodate over a hundred persons at one time with no undue crowding.

Mixed bathing is not so popular as it was in former days but there is no law against it and the custom is still practised, with no evident sign of blushes, at many resorts. Of course, there are separate ablutionary facilities for the distaff side if modesty demands but the vast volume of steam that arises from the pool usually provides an adequate screen for all except, the overly-timid.

Most suites are also provided with a private bathroom, decorated with tile that vie with the rainbow in the assortment of hues and the spacious tubs are roomy enough to fully submerge the most ample proportions of any six-foot foreigner.

The approach of supper-time becomes evident as the maid-san again appears on the scene, this time to clear the table and arrange the various paraphernalia for the approaching repast, and you become aware of another pleasant feature of the Japanese inn. For here, one does not need to dress for his meals. Once the guest dons the "yukata," the garment becomes a part of him and stays with him until the time of his departure. Dining "en deshabille" may be frowned upon in the West but it is "de rigueur" at a Japanese inn.

As a rule the native inns serve only local dishes to its guests (breakfast and supper are included in the room charge) but Western food can be ordered if one feels the Japanese bill-of-fare to be far too exotic and strange for his stomach. Of course, you can always fall back on "tempura" and "sukiyaki" if the steak is too tough or the soup too cold.

One word of advice, however, to those planning on spending a night under a Japanese roof.... especially coffee addicts. Except in cities, the Japanese concept of the Brazilian brew is still very primitive. Hence, it is always a good idea to include a jar of Nescafe in your bag....just in case.

Bedtime comes rather early at a Japanese inn. Of course, it is of no concern to the management if the guest becomes so engrossed in enjoying the atmosphere that he stays up till the wee hours, but around ten o'clock the maid-san comes around to prepare the beds.

To those accustomed to the Western concept of sleeping comfort, the thought of spending a night on the floor may bring some qualms but watching the bed-making should prove eminently edifying and reassuring to such people.

Two, sometimes three, fluffy quilts, their softness maintained by daily sunning, are first laid on the "tatami" over which comes a white sheet, freshly laundered. The silken quilt, also enclosed in white, may be light or heavy depending on the season and the pillow, usually of soft foam-rubber, should prove satisfactory for the most hardheaded guest.

The quiet Japanese night swiftly deepens. You settle between the sheets and soon a *peaceful languor pervades your entire being*. The last thing you remember as you drop off to dreamless sleep are the night sounds that creep in from beyond the garden wall....the sleepy chirp of a cricket, the far away notes of a noodlevendor's pipe and the soft melody of a riuulet that ripples the surface of the garden pool. (Japan Tourist Association).

*All dressed up in a special paint job, the first of the Boeing Intercontinental 707 jet transports was taken from the Boeing Transport Division plant at Renton, Washington, to the flight apron for certification and delivery.*

## BOEING NEWS

### INTERCONTINENTAL

**T**HE world's largest and fastest long range jet airliner, the Boeing 707 Intercontinental, made its first test flight recently from Boeing field. It made its maiden flight from the Airplane Company's Transport Division Factory at Renton, Washington.

The 155-ton airplane will undergo instrumentation at the company's flight centre for the flight test programme. The airplane, together with the second Intercontinental now in pre-flight status, is slated for delivery to a commercial airline later in the year, following flight testing by Boeing and certification testing by the U. S. Government's Federal Aviation Agency.

A total of 84 Boeing Intercontinentals have been ordered by nine of the world's leading airlines for use on very long range routes. They retain the basic design features of the smaller Boeing 707 Stratoliners now in service and being built by the Transport Division for customer airlines.

The Intercontinentals are larger, however, in their overall dimensions and have greatly increased range and load capabilities. They carry between 131 and 189 passengers at cruising speeds of more than 600 miles an hour with a range of more than 5,000 miles. Their power plants are either Pratt & Whitney JT4s in the Boeing 707-320 model or the Rolls-Royce Conway in the 707-420.

The wing span of the Intercontinental is 142 feet; its length 152 feet and its tail height 38 feet.

Total orders for Boeing jet airliners now number 187 from 15 airlines and the U. S. Air Force.







**TWENTY-THREE** teams entered this year's AII Inter Offices Badminton Tournament which concluded on Feb. 25, 1959.

A record number of entries were received from business firms such as Burmah Shell, Caltex, Lakshmi Chemicals, Premier Automobiles; others from Government departments and corporations such as the Sachivalaya, Income-Tax, B.E.S.T., the Bombay Municipality, I.A.C. and others.

The final match between Grindwell Abrasive Sports Club and B.E.S.T. attracted a large

crowd at the Reserve Bank Colony Sports Club grounds.

Grindwell Abrasive Sports Club won the championship on their first appearance in this tournament beating B.E.S.T. They had the services of veteran George Lewis, known as the "guru" of Indian badminton.

**Consolation Finals:** This match was for those losing in the first two rounds in the tournament. A.C.C. Sports Club defeated IAC Sports Club in two straight games.

Mr. A. C. Gazdar, our Technical Director, presided and gave away the trophies and prizes to the winners.

Antia of Grindwell Abrasives receives the Championship Trophy. With him is veteran George Lewis who gave a fine performance at the Finals.



Discussing the score animatedly are: Mr. N. V. Khote, CM-S who is Vice-Chairman AII open Inter Offices Badminton Tournament, Mr. A. S. Banavalikar, PM., President of the AII Sports Control Committee and Mr. A.C. Gazdar, TD, chief guest who distributed the trophies and prizes at the Finals.



## AIR-INDIA TENNIS CLUB

**A** splendid opportunity awaits all sportsmen in the Corporation with the starting of a new Tennis Club by the Sports Control Committee. Reserved for the season is a special Tennis Court at the Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana, Santa Cruz.

New rackets, balls and tennis boys to help at the nets are added attractions at no extra cost. The days and hours of play are every day (except Wednesday and Sunday mornings and Saturday afternoons)



Mr. A. C. Gazdar, chief guest, seen congratulating Mr. Nandu Natekar, India's No. 1 in Badminton for his fine exhibition on the Finals Day. Natekar frequently travels by AII on his tours abroad.

from 7 a.m. and in the evenings from 4-30 p.m. till dusk.

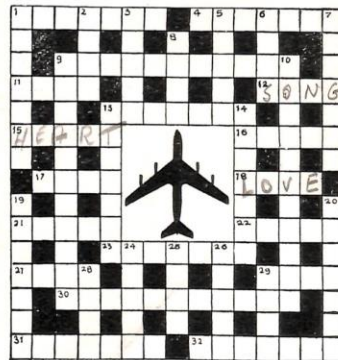
Fees are Rs. 7/- per month for players. If you wish to be a member contact Messrs. Athaide and Aranha of Personnel Department or ring up Mr. A.S. Desa at Inter-Com. No. 209.

If too many entries are received, admission may have to be limited to a reasonable number—so register right away. Admission will be strictly on the "first come first served" basis. Get cracking now—Air-India can use a TILDEN!

## CROSSWORD COMPETITION

### CLUES ACROSS

1. In which the record of fuel consumed is maintained? ... (3-4)
4. Many hail it as a convenient means of being carried away in London, for instance. ... (4-5)
9. It comes from the heart and does the rounds in person. ... (11)
11. The fate of the Divisional Operations Manager receiving nothing. ... (4)
12. Within ear-shot? Yes, within. ... (4)
13. Exercise guard, possibly or P.T. etc. ... (7)
15. Referring to a prominent organ ... (5)
17. Paradisaical garden. ... (4)
18. Upon which elevated people speak, no doubt ... (4)
21. Eager to come to terms. ... (5)
22. Leaves a circulating thing regarding blather about the British Railways packing up ... (5)
23. Let down (by one who is not air-minded). ... (7)
27. The Abominable Snowman. ... (4)
29. Indian coin, now out of favour, will come back just the same. ... (4)
30. An air-line department which in time will have to discard revolutionary principles to great extent. ... (11)
31. "Dream on thy cousins—ed—in the Tower: Let us be lead within thy bosom, Richard." (King Richard III) ... (7)
32. One of which is centrally depicted. ... (7)
14. So Trans World Airlines employ the learned theologian with the French following. Utter rubbish of course. ... (7)
19. "The first thing we do, let's kill all the II" (King Henry VI Part II) ... (7)
20. Air reps. responsible for restorations? ... (7)
24. Select only, the rest here. ... (5)
25. Reel about having a sly look on the face. ... (4)
26. Customs inspector soon turns out a trunk when searching. ... (5)
28. Briefly this month. ... (4)
29. 5 across is against losing a hundred. ... (4)



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