

R AGM INAUGURATES DEATH RELIEF FUND"

August 1, Mr. K. K. ... inaugurated a new service scheme launch- ... the Air Corporations ... yees' Co-operative ... Ltd. — a "Death ... und".

paying tribute to the ... and the Bank, he expres- ... approval on the magni- ... uement of the Bank ... d built up a working ... f Rs. 36 lakhs in the ... od of a decade. He ... at Management would ... best to help the insti- ... its many activities.

the AGM's inaugural ... r. R. Vidyasagar, Pre- ... the Bank, welcomed ... and the co-operators. ... a short history of the ... its humble beginnings ... he fact that this fund ... augmented due to ef- ... men like Mr. A. S. ... ar and others.

Re. 1 on the death of ... e" he continued, "is ... not a huge amount. ... me should be treated ... commercial proposition. ... gift".

meeting concluded with ... thanks proposed by ... V. Nulkar, the Vice- ... of the Bank.

AIAEA'S EXECS

AT the General Council Ses- sions held at Calcutta re- cently, M/s. S. Dey, A.M.E. III and B. N. Athavle, A. M. E. I, were elected Joint Secretary and Member of the Central Ex- ecutive of the All India Aircraft Engineers' Association for the year 1962-63.

Need Money, Anybody?

THE Board of Trustees of the Air-India Employees' Provident Fund have decided to set apart annually a sum of Rs. 10,000 out of the "Lapse Account" of the fund to be used in acute cases of financial distress.

This scheme which came into effect last month, makes pro- vision for grants which are pure- ly ex-gratia payments to be made in deserving cases. These grants will not exceed Rs. 75 in any individual case and will be given only to members other than officers.

All applications for financial assistance under this scheme — giving particulars of the grounds on which relief is sought — should be addressed, together with appropriate proof to the Welfare Officer at Santa Cruz.

ACEU GOES GAY

IN our Boeing Hangar at Santa Cruz, 6,000 employ- ees of A-I and IAC celebrat- ed the 9th Union and Air- lines Nationalisation Day on August 4.

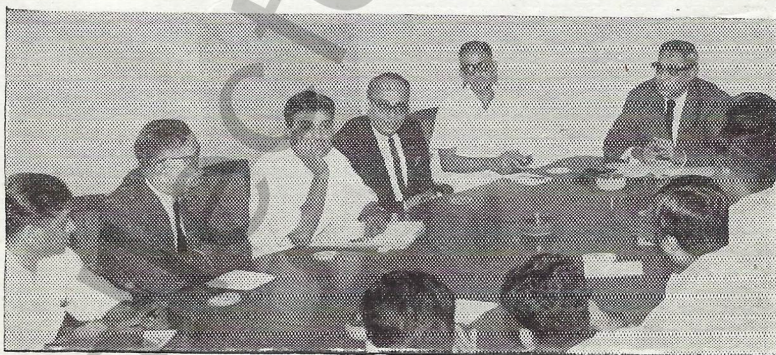
Mr. V. Lobo, Chairman of the Air Corporations Employees' Union (Bombay Region), wel- comed the chief guest, Mr. H. R. Gokhale of the Maharashtra

High Court and requested the employees to work conscienti- ously and with pride for the suc- cess of our national enterprise.

After a vote of thanks by Mr. N. C. Mukherjee, Vice-Chairman, light refreshments were served. This was followed by a 'Koli Dance' by Mumbai Koli Nritya.

The *tour-de-force* of the even- ing was a Sitar Recital by Pandit Ravi Shankar, accom- panied on tabla by Ustad Al- larekha.

4th L. R. C. IN SESSION



(Facing Camera l to r) Mr. V. G. Gadgil, Mr. B. S. Rama Rao, Mr. K. G. Appusamy, Mr. K. K. Unni, Mr. A. S. Banavalikar and Mr. B. R. Patel.

"I am very happy to know that the successive Labour Relations Committees have given us a big and helping hand," said the General Manager addressing the Labour Relations Committee's inaugural meeting held at THQ on August 25, 1962.

Mr. Patel complimented the Committee for aiding Manage- ment in liberalising the grant of festival advances, providing for reimbursement of railway fare on leave travel and finalising certain staff amenities such as addition- al canteen facilities, housing loan grants for ownership flats, etc.

Mr Patel added: "the emer- gence of Air-India as a pure Jet Operator after about 15 years of experience of international opera- tions and of 30 years of commer- cial and operational matters, is a significant fact and as we advance from strength to strength as an international operator, some of our future prob- lems would be those which are connected with industrial rela- tions and staff welfare. apart from those relating to the fleet, revenues, load factors and plan- ning."

The General Manager as- sured that the recommendations made by the Labour Relations Committee would be given due

consideration and some of their recent proposals were already under active consideration.

Mr. P. A. Menon, a past mem- ber of the L.R.C., proposed a vote of thanks. Having been associated with the Committee ever since its inception and with the Ad Hoc Committee prior to the formation of L. R. C., Mr. Menon pointed out that the initial difficulties were overcome due to mutual co-operation.

He advised the newly elected members to conduct their dis- cussions in a businesslike and constructive manner. Mr. K. P. Sarathi, another retired member, endorsed Mr. Menon's views.

Earlier, Mr. K. L. Krishnan suggested a few improvements to enhance the usefulness of this Committee to further staff re- lations.

Mr. K. K. Unni was uni- formly elected Chairman and Mr. K. L. Krishnan, Secretary, for the year 1962-63.



g have you been working here, young man. Don't you know cameras are not weighed with baggage.

BETTER from LONDON

of our "Economy" Passengers on a recent flight from New York certainly were original with their ideas of comfort. There were very few empty seats and the passengers concerned, obviously, could not settle to sleep in row and so one removed the arm rests and stretched over the three seats; the other one stretched out on the floor beneath.

I saw this, I was intrigued and the hostess was certainly unusual. This flight bringing me home leave I returned to the street and eventually got to normal routine.

However, I returned to find an Bouche, for many years Secretary to the Regional Director, U.K., had resigned and now emigrated to Canada. We send her our good wishes as we also do to Joe delaney, another old stager from the O.A.C. in Israel. We also said farewell to John from Accounts who has moved with his wife to Australia.

Space Control, London, received a fascinating letter from another station read as follows:

"X would like to be in front and beside a nice looking man middle aged who is not afraid of travelling by plane and if possible been in India before. He speaks English. Since we have such a superman here we are counting on his assistance."

Well, to say, all the members of Space Control, London, have applied for leave and are expected to use their free passes on flight concerned.

Walking around the Bond Street offices it is creditable to see various trophies in different departments. Sales sport a very nice trophy presented to a salesman for his bowling. Accounts have the football trophies and some of the table tennis cups. The trouble is that he never wins them! We hope shortly something in the Cargo Department although most of Cargo men unofficially wear medals for tiddlywinks, drinking and locking doors.

We understand that now we are carrying monkeys in the hold, one or two passengers have been mystified by the scent of the monkey deodorant which seems to cling to their baggage. We are told on good authority that this deodorant has a scent similar to perfume and one passenger was most concerned because he was quite sure his wife would not believe him when he explained what it really was.

The football season is starting and any keen London footballers are asked to contact Derek Solomon. Incidentally, when Derek returned from his honeymoon in India, he was escorted to the aircraft by the members of the

President's Guard who were flying to this country to take part in the Edinburgh Festival. Derek and his wife became very friendly with one of the officers and they are both hoping to meet shortly in London.

A cricket match was recently played against Rolls-Royce whom we managed to get out for 55. Unfortunately, it then rained, so the match was continued in the Bar.

We understand the R.M. U.K. took part in athletic races with his daughters while he was on leave recently, but we were sorry to see that as a result of this he spent nearly the whole of the first week of his return to the office with a limp. At the same time, Derek Vine, as a result of cricket injuries, was also limping, so it might be described as the cricket fashion.

Bowling is due to start shortly and rumour has it there is a bowling alley under construction near the Ariel Hotel at the Airport.

One of our good friends to whom we sent mangoes has written to tell us that he now has a mango tree 14" high, grown from one of the stones.

—TREVOR TURNER

"SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN"

7-year Old, Amanda Wilson, who travelled alone from London to Sydney, certainly looks happy as airhostess Vera Billimoria fastens her seat belt prior to departure.



"MY first flying experience was as a mechanic to the late Nevill Vintcent. He took me on his solo flights to Gwalior and Indore in connection with his Air Mail business. Our aircraft was a Puss Moth and I came in real handy when it acted mischievous."

No one can deny that the story of Indian Air Transport is in part a story of pioneers like "our mechanic to Vintcent". His name: Stanley Clarence Bickers.



S. C. BICKERS

Born in Patna in 1912, Stanley attended school in Bombay and Bangalore. He joined the Aviation Dept. of Tata Sons Ltd. in 1934 under our first engineer W. McWade. After a short spell as Ground Engineer Grade I he became Dy. Superintendent in 1947.

In 1951, he was sent for an 8-week training course at the Lockheed Plant at Burbank, California. Two years ago, he attended a Familiarisation Course with Qantas in Sydney. Today, Stanley Bickers is Superintendent in our Aircraft Maintenance Division at Santa Cruz.

Stanley and his charming wife are the parents of three children.

He spends most of his free time at a billiard table or in a swimming pool and "although, I'm not good at it, I just love gardening".

MESSAGE FROM R. M. C. E.

ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND AIR-UNION"

June 1948, we began international operations by inaugurating our first Bombay/London service via Cairo and Geneva. It was then the beginning of Air-India International. Our fleet: three Lockheed Constellations. Our frequency: once a week. Our strength abroad: three stations manned by about two dozen persons in all. Recalling the event to mind, it sounds like a distant echo.

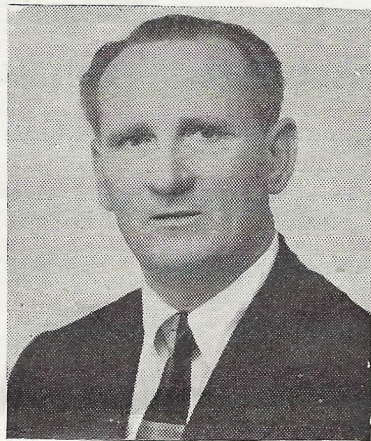
To-day, after a short span of 14 years, this echo has spread to a vast resonance of expansion beyond all recognition. We now operate daily services to New York, twice weekly to Tokyo and Nairobi, once weekly to Moscow and Sydney. Ours is a fleet of 12 Boeing 707 jet fleet. We have about 5,802 strong. Our expansion has been impressive in all sectors and in all countries. I shall comment briefly on the development of this Region and our future prospects. From modest beginnings in 1948, we have expanded to five line stations and eleven off-shore sales offices manned by a staff of 262. Now we operate through this Region, daily services to New York and India, once weekly to Tokyo, once to

Europe is the home of a number of great airlines of the world. Some of them fore-runners of International Civil Aviation. Financial and technical resources at their disposal are substantial. The strength of their fleet and staff is greater than ours.

Into this nerve-centre of international civil aviation, we entered 14 years ago. During this period, we have not only come to stay, but gained the respect of the public and of the national authorities, as a serious competitor and as one of the efficient international air operators. This could not have been possible, if it had not been for the dedication, hard-work and efficiency in which every member of the staff in this Region served the Corporation. I pay my tribute to them all.

Europe to-day, stands at the threshold of a great era—the establishment of the European Economic Community, (Common Market). The Community possesses great economic resources, technical know-how, man-power comparable only to the two super powers, U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. It is difficult to fore-

see what exact effect this economic integration will have on the rest of the world. But one can easily surmise what its effect will be on the Community itself. Pooling of all economic resources of the Community, free



G. BERTOLI

movements of goods and labour with the abolition of internal tariffs and restrictions, interchange of technical know-how

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PUB-TALK



It is just as well that Publicity is everybody's cup of coffee. And as the actress told the Bishop on a famous occasion: the hotter it is, the better is the S-E-N-S-A-T-I-O-N.

That gives us a good lead to let you know that the Indian Coffee Board has given us gratis 5,000 lbs. of coffee roasted to suit the taste of people abroad. The coffee packed in ½ lb. caddies designed by us will be sent to stations outside India by Christmas Eve.

So Perth is in and Darwin definitely out from October 1. When it comes to work we sit double-bent 48 hours in advance and, believe us, modesty prevents us from saying what a lousy job we do — occasionally.

Rap us if we are wrong — 12 months certainly go to make a year. It took as many to select 12 paintings for our 1963 calendar. If you are looking forward to a repetition of March 1962, we regret we have to disappoint you.

Tell it not at London; whisper it not at New York; Geneva has come out with some excellent ads. R. M. Cees it so!

New York is doing well and, what is more, their campaigns are talked about, better still, written about — a good piece of PR work, AL Brunt! A recent ad. carried a contest in

which all the entrants gave correct answers, and each entry won a prize in the shape of a Maharajah pin which can be pinned to one's lapel or tie. "The Maharajah pin," says a press report, has developed into a fashion fad in New York. Over 7,000 pins have been so far distributed to readers who sent correct answers. This advertisement *inter alia* suggested that "should any of our friends care to send a commemorative anniversary resemblance, a gift of pearls would be entirely appropriate". Many readers took the suggestion literally and Mr. Peter Mahta has so far received more than 100 strings of imitation pearls!

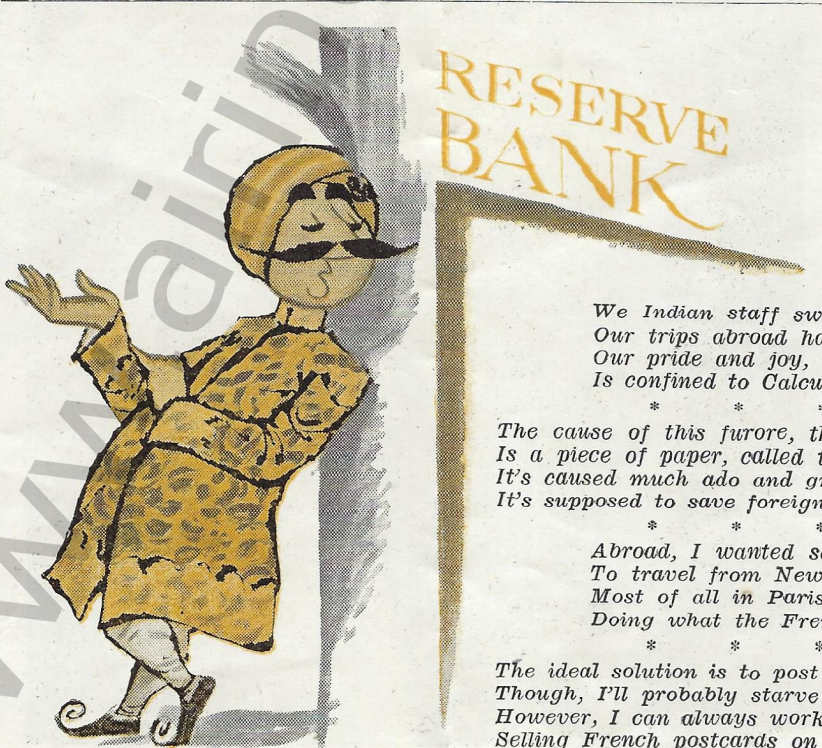
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ANOTHER ONE

AIR-INDIA will be opening shortly an offline sales office at Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

With the growing economic and industrial collaboration between India and Yugoslavia, there is an increasing flow of traffic between these two countries. Yugoslavia has also tremendous potential across the Atlantic.

In view of the increasing importance of Eastern Europe, particularly for traffic across the Atlantic, our Sales organization in this area is also being strengthened.



We Indian staff swear with might and main
Our trips abroad have been planned in vain,
Our pride and joy, the yearly free pass
Is confined to Calcutta, Delhi, Madras.

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The cause of this furore, this departure from norm
Is a piece of paper, called the "P" form,
It's caused much ado and great consternation,
It's supposed to save foreign exchange for the nation.

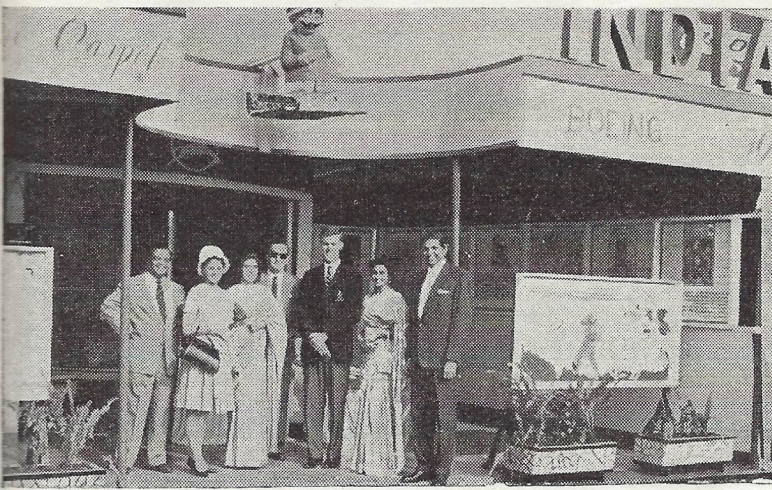
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Abroad, I wanted so much to go
To travel from New York to Tokyo,
Most of all in Paris I wanted to be
Doing what the French do naturally.

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The ideal solution is to post me in France
Though, I'll probably starve on the current allowance,
However, I can always work part-time — as the other staff do
Selling French postcards on each main Avenue.

— AKG



Photograph shows (l to r) Mr. A.W.P. Crasto, Manager, Nairobi, Mrs. Sue Speke, Miss P. Billimoria, ground receptionist at Nairobi, Mr. F. J. Lawrence, RMEA, Mr. Nicholas Speke, Mrs. D. D'Souza and Mr. D. D'Souza, DSM, Kampala.

MAHARAJAH ON THE NILE

OUR stand at the Exhibition at Jinja, Uganda, to commemorate the centenary of the first sighting of the source of the River Nile, attracted a great deal of attention.

The idea for our stall, (painted by local artists) came from our brochure "Magically You are a Maharajah".

It certainly interested young Nicholas Speke descendant of the explorer John Hanning Speke who discovered the source of the Nile. Mr. Speke was invited to attend the celebrations.



IN the Second Test Match at Nairobi's City Park between Kenya and the visiting Pakistan Hockey team "the best of all was Egbert Fernandes, Kenya's opportunist Centre-forward".

Egbert, who works in Nairobi office, has also represented Kenya at the Olympic Games in Rome.



INTERNATIONAL airlines carried out a transatlantic crossing on an average of once every minutes during the peak season last year.

THE world's most widely travelled item of air cargo is a fuel tank. Carved from a block of Canadian maple, it has been used in annual meetings on six continents and has been shipped a total of 140,000 miles (224,000 kilometres) to date.

THE fuel that goes into a jet airliner must be as clean as public drinking water. IATA fuel specifications state that amount of solid impurities in aircraft fuel must be limited to one milligramme per litre—the same limits prescribed in drinking municipal water supplies.

ACERDOTES catholici in aere navigantibus occasionem nuntii celebrandi habere possunt in plus quam duodecim capellis in universis terrarum aeroportibus, IATA nuntiat — in other words, Catholic priests travelling by air can celebrate Mass in chapels at more than a dozen airports along the world airline network.

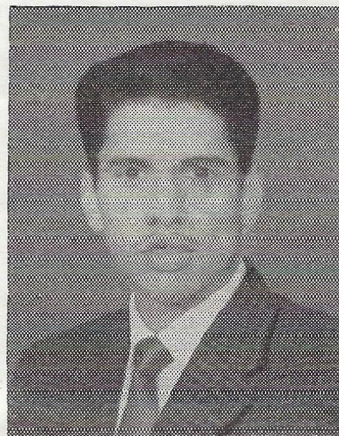
Our Former Airhostess Weds

OVER 2000 guests, including Mr. Jomo Kenyatta, the Indian and Pakistani Commissioners to Nairobi and important political, social and commercial personalities in Kenya attended the wedding of 25-year-old Savi Multani, our ex-Airhostess.

Miss Multani was given away by Sir Amar Maini, Speaker of the East African Central Legislative Assembly. Newspaper reports said: "Savi wore a liquid gold Banaras sari with Italian-style high heeled shoes instead of the traditional Indian

chappals... she was a vision of loveliness."

Photograph shows Savi Multani receiving good wishes from former colleagues, Airhostesses Vera Billimoria (left) and Gul Kundanmal (right).



Kenya's leading daily, *The Nation*, was lavish in its praise for Egbert and mentioned that "the 8000 spectators at the game got more than their money's worth... thanks to the brilliant display by Egbert Fernandes."

POST 'LUNCH' SCRIPT

At a party arranged for him at the A-I Restaurant THQ, SCZ, by Capt. D. A. Samant, Air Vice-Marshal P. C. Lal, General Manager of IAC, said:

"I have enjoyed the lunch served here today. The food and service was excellent and it was a pleasure to meet the representatives of the Union."

The staff of Air-India Restaurant, THQ, are deeply grateful to the Air Vice-Marshal for his kind words. How about more staff patronising our canteen?

— Ed.