

FARNBOROUGH AIR SHOW

INDIAN-BUILT GNATS FLOWN ON A-I BOEING

AIR-INDIA's Boeing 707-337C carried two Gnat fighter-interceptor aircraft and a Kiran jet trainer to London for display at the Farnborough Air Show to be held in Britain from September 4 to 11, 1972.

This is the first time ever that Indian-built aircraft are being displayed at the Farnborough Air Show organised by the Society of British Aerospace Companies Limited every alternate year.

The Gnat, originally designed by Folland Aircraft Company in Britain, is licence-produced in India by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited at Bangalore. The Kiran jet trainer is an indigenously designed and produced aircraft by the HAL.

Major Sections

All three aircraft were dismantled at Bombay Airport in major sections for transport to London on August 6, 1972 in our all-cargo Boeing 707-337C aircraft specially chartered for the purpose.

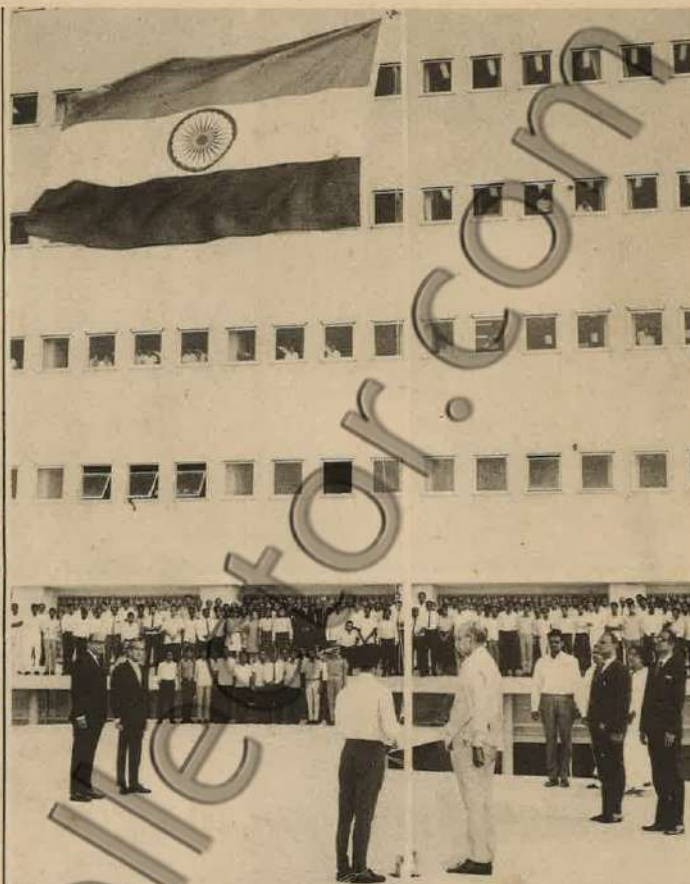
The Boeing 707-337C is a versatile aircraft which can be converted to an all-cargo or all-passenger or a cargo-cum-passenger combination. It is capable of carrying over 42,000 lbs. of pay load.

Its features include a special cargo door measuring 7 ft. x 11 ft. in the forward fuselage, roller-bearing tracks on the cabin floor and generally stronger floor and landing gear.

Scale model

Originally it was thought that it would not be possible to carry the three aircraft inside the 707-337C but HAL specially constructed a scale model of the cabin in order to see how the two dismantled Gnats and the trainer Kiran could be best fitted in before finalising arrangements to fly the three aircraft on the 337C to the Farnborough Air Show. As it happened, only the wings could not be accommodated in the chartered cargo plane. They were separately flown on our 747 in the cargo hold. The liaison work with the HAL was done by Mr. S. S. Kaul, Cargo Development Manager, Group Captain C.G. Kharas, General Manager (Overhaul) of HAL, speaking to newsmen at Bombay Airport, said that although the Gnat was designed by the British Company, it has been extensively modified in India and further modifications are still being done. The two Gnats will be flown by Wg. Cdrs. M.V. Tilak and I.M. Chopra of the IAF during the Farnborough Air Show.

Mr. S.S. Kaul, Cargo Development Manager, Group Captain C.G. Kharas, General Manager (Overhaul), HAL and Wing Commander I.M. Chopra, Chief Test Pilot of HAL with the scale model of 337C cabin.



25th Anniversary of Independence

AIR Marshal M.S. Chaturvedi, Managing Director, hoisted the national flag at the Air-India Building at Nariman Point, Bombay, on the eve of the 25th Anniversary of India's Independence Day on August 15, 1972.

As the flag fluttered in the strong westerly breeze on top of the star-shaped roof over the podium of Air-India Building, the Air Marshal, Mr. S.K. Kooka, Commercial Director, Mr. K.K. Unni, Assistant Managing Director, and other staff working at the Headquarters stood to attention while the national anthem was sung by

Mrs. R. Lagu, Mr. R.S. Kamat and Mr. P.N. Karmarkar.

Our Building, lit up with 21 flood lights outside and with rows of blazing windows from lights inside, indeed presented a dramatic sight against the backdrop of a dark sky. The Indian Express was moved to say: "...the soaring, slim facade of the Air-India Terminal at Nariman Point whose milk-white marble covering is more noble in its night glow than the marble of Shah Jahan's Taj Mahal at Agra."

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Air-India recently carried 15 two-month-old children from Bangla Desh to New York en route to Canada where they will be adopted by Canadian families. The photograph shows the children with Air-India receptionists in New York.





The face they love to watch

"Persis Khambatta (pictured above) is the prettiest girl on the telly. People I know switch on just to try to catch the Air-India commercial in which the camera lingers on her beautiful face as she welcomes passengers on board her plane", so wrote Brigid Keenan in the SUNDAY TIMES, London, of July 30, 1972. The 45-second Television hostess commercial won Air-India first prize in the Consumer Services Section for this year in the British Television Advertising Awards. The commercial was shot entirely in close up of an Air-India hostess' face. She is shown welcoming the passengers aboard an Air-India 747. The whole mood is created by the girl's expressions and graceful movements. During the last five seconds there is a slow dissolve to the 747 taking off and flying into the distance - the relaxed mood heightened by sitar music.

Dear Editor..... It was in bad taste

Dear Editor,

THE article entitled "Battle of the Bulge" published in the July issue of the Magic Carpet was in my opinion in bad taste. I am neither a puritan nor a prude. I can appreciate good humour and laugh. This article, however, did not tickle me at all.

V.P. Ganapule
Assistant Tariffs Manager

LIAISON COMMITTEE FORMED

A Liaison Committee representing eight unions and associations of Air-India has been set up from March 1972.

The Committee represents Air-India pilots, engineers, navigators, flight operations officers, officers' association, aircraft engineers, members of ACEU and IATA.

The specific objective of the Liaison Committee is to deal with the management on union matters, labour relations and welfare of the staff in general. In the next few months steps will be taken to form a permanent federation of all unions and associations in Air-India.

Capt. Y.V. Mahajan of the Indian Pilots' Guild is the Chairman and Mr. V.M. Fernandes of ACEU is the Secretary of the Liaison Committee.

AT NARIMAN POINT



WHO'S WHO & WHERE

PROMOTIONS

Commercial Department

Mr. B.S. Bartiwalla, Calcutta.	Sr. Station Manager	Mr. R.P. Misra, Mauritius.	Station Manager
Mr. D.V. Gidwani, Tokyo.	Station Manager	Mr. H.L. Malik, Bombay.	Station Superintendent
Mr. R. Tewari, Delhi.	Station Manager	Mr. P.J. Rodricks, Geneva.	Station Superintendent
Mr. R. Singh, London.	Station Manager	Mr. M.K. Sippy, Madrid.	Station Superintendent
Mr. A. Vaish, Delhi.	Station Manager	Mr. H. Vaidyanathan, Madras.	Station Superintendent
Mr. Y. Ebrahim, Dacca.	Station Manager	Mr. B.H. Billimoria, London.	Station Superintendent
Mr. K.P. Datta, Bombay.	Station Manager	Mr. G.S. Chhugani, Nagos.	Station Superintendent

Engineering Department

Mr. J.V. Leyon, Santa Cruz.	Asst. Eng. Manager	Mr. R.K. Srivastava, Santa Cruz.	A.M.E. Gr. II
Mr. R.A. Gokhale, Santa Cruz.	Asst. Superintendent	Mr. J.N. Gogoi, Santa Cruz.	A.M.E. Gr. II
Mr. T.M. Padmanabhan, Santa Cruz.	Asst. Superintendent	Mr. A.K. Mukherjee, Santa Cruz.	A.M.E. Gr. II
Mr. K.P. Venkatramani, Santa Cruz.	Asst. Superintendent	Mr. V.M. Srivastava, Santa Cruz.	A.M.E. Gr. II
Mr. S.V. Vaishampayan, Santa Cruz.	Asst. Superintendent	Mr. S.M. Dandekar, Santa Cruz.	Inspector Gr. 'A'
Dr. D.R. Sharma, Santa Cruz.	A.M.E. Gr. II	Mr. S. Raman, Bombay.	A.M.E. Gr. I

25th Anniversary of Independence

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The Independence Day was also marked by the opening of the Air-India Terminal Shopping Complex, which provides for a wide range of shopping facilities. The shops range from a book stall to a boutique and from a Kashmir Government Emporium to a Jeweller.

OBITUARY

Mr. J. K. Patel, Mr. Joseph D'Silva
Mr. Paul Gonsalves and Mr. D. P. Avere

WE regret to report the deaths of four staff from our Engineering Department. They are Mr. J.K. Patel, Technical Officer, Mr. Joseph D'Silva, Senior Aircraft Technician, Mr. Paul Gonsalves, Senior Plant Technician and Mr. D.P. Avere, Head Cleaner.

Mr. Patel who was 38 was on his way to his home town near Surat, when the jeep in which he was travelling met with an accident. Born in Mbale (Uganda), he took his degree in civil engineering from the Kerala University and joined Air-India as a temporary site engineer in our Civil Construction Division in 1963. He was extremely hard working and never seemed to get tired no matter how long he had been working. He leaves behind his wife and four children.

Mr. D'Silva migrated to Bombay from a village near Mangalore at the age of 16 in search of a job. He became a Fitter with the Eastern Watch Company, from where he came to Air-India in December 1948. He became a Senior Aircraft Technician in April 1966. Tall and slightly built, he was suffering from a liver disorder and was being treated at the Holy Spirit Hospital, where he died at the age of 46. He was a bachelor.

Mr. Gonsalves, 43, who was unusually fond of forests, suffered a heart attack while on one of his frequent trips to a forest near Panvel. Born in Bombay, he joined Air-India as a Bench Fitter in 1955 after having served with Cosmos India Rubber Works and Universal Nuts and Bolts. He became a Senior Plant Technician in August 1966. A man with an excellent sense of humour, Mr. Gonsalves had travelled widely, but his first love was the jungle. He leaves behind his wife and five children.

Mr. Avere who was in the Components Overhaul Division died at his home-town Mundhar in Ratnagiri. He was 54. He joined Air-India in 1947 and became Head Cleaner in 1961. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

We send our sincerest condolences to the family of Mr. Patel, Mr. D'Silva, Mr. Gonsalves and Mr. Avere.



In 1975 you can walk from
Cuffe Parade to DUBAI

The Government of Maharashtra
is reclaiming the Arabian Sea!

Air-india Study Team in Mauritius

AN Air-India Study Team visited Mauritius for a week at the invitation of the Chairman of Air Mauritius Limited, Mr. A.H. Maingard de Villees-Offrans, to study the traffic potential to and from Mauritius. The team comprised of Mr. J.P. de Andrade, Commercial Manager-International Relations, Mr. Y.Y. Ajila, Planning Manager, Mr. V.G. Choubal, Assistant Planning Manager-Market Research and Mr. B.P. Baliga, Sr. Production Planning Engineer.

The Team which reached Mauritius on July 5, 1972, held detailed discussions with the officials of Air Mauritius as well as the Department of Civil Aviation. They also paid a courtesy call on Sir Sewoosagar Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius.

During their visit Mr. R.P. Misra, Manager, Mauritius, and Mrs. Misra gave a dinner in their honour at the Maharajah Restaurant. It was attended by the Chairman of Air Mauritius and Mrs. Maingard, the Minister of Economic Planning and Development, the High Commissioner for India in Mauritius, Mr. K. Jagatsingh and Mrs. Jagatsingh as well as other guests from the Ministry of Communications and the Department of Civil Aviation.

25 Years Club

THE Air-India's 25 Years Club has appealed to staff who have completed 25 years service with the Corporation to join the Club. Forms for the membership can be had from: Mr. R. Vidyasagar, Administrative Officer (Planning), Engineering Department, Mr. S.K. Ganguli, Sr. Accountant, Pay Accounts and Mr. R.R. Gangolly, Administrative Officer, Engineering Department.



The Air-India Study Team which visited Mauritius in July called on Sir Sewoosagar Ramgoolam, the Prime Minister of Mauritius. Seen in the photograph are (L to R) Mr. Y.Y. Ajila, Planning Manager, Mr. J.P. de Andrade, Commercial Manager-International Relations, the Prime Minister, Mr. R.P. Misra, Manager, Mauritius, Mr. B.P. Baliga, Sr. Production Planning Engineer and Mr. V.G. Choubal, Assistant Planning Manager-Market Research.



Mrs. Nargis Merchant, who won the May Queen contest in Abu Dhabi. The runner up Miss Perline D'Souza is on the left.

Maharajah and the May Queen

THE large number of Indian residents of Abu Dhabi and others gathered at the India Social Centre to watch a bevy of beautiful girls compete in the Annual May Queen Contest.

The contest was won by Mrs. Nargis Merchant with Miss Perline D'Souza as the runner up.

The winner was awarded a set of ear-rings and a necklace as the first prize given by Air-India.

Mrs. Pillai, wife of Mr. T.K.P. Pillai, our Manager, Abu Dhabi and Mrs. Lewis, wife of the Financial Controller of Abu Dhabi Petroleum Company Limited were among the judges at the contest.

"This annual contest is a great social occasion here", writes Mr. Pillai. "We were happy to play our part in it".

Three new members in L. R. C.

THE results of elections to the new Labour Relations Committee for 1972-74 announced at the end of June have brought three new members. They are Mr. V.M. Fernandes from Stores, Mr. R.Y. Pradhan from Engineering and Mr. G.T. Kunder from the Bombay Booking Office.

Mr. P.R. Dasan from Operations has won the election for the fourth successive term. The other members re-elected are: Mr. P.P. Tari from Engineering, Mr. B.S. Hirlekar from Accounts and Mr. M.H. Hegiste from Commercial.

Out of the total staff of 9,946 who were eligible to vote in this biennial election, about 50 per cent voted. There were eight booths, one at the Headquarters, one at the Booking Office, one at the City Purchase, three

at Old Airport and two at the New Terminal Building. Ballot papers were also sent to outstations to enable staff to vote in the election.

The flying crew and Cabin attendants who were away from Headquarters on official duty were permitted to vote by postal ballot.

"This was the most keenly fought election in my experience", said Mr. N. R. Kshatriya, Assistant Personnel Officer (Welfare), who was the Returning Officer. A total of 29 candidates stood for elections.

The Labour Relations Committee is constituted under the Air Corporation Act of 1953, to advise the Corporation on all matters relating to the welfare of employees and to promote good relations between the management and staff.

Mr. V.M. Fernandes

Mr. R.Y. Pradhan

Mr. G.T. Kunder



To the unknown soldier....

(Normally we do not publish letters from our passengers. But in this case we are making an exception. You will know the reason why when you read the letter below. - Ed.)

June 27, 1972

Gentlemen:

On about April 11th my return flight reservation back to the U.S.A. was cancelled even though I confirmed it twice. I was afraid I would not reach home in time to return to my work. Some poor fellow --- I believe he was called a 'duty officer' took quite a tongue lashing from me, because I was afraid I would be stranded.

This has bothered me because I am a Christian, and this is not the way my Lord would have me act, and also because with all my heart I want peace between our two countries --- and peace has to begin with individual persons.

So, if you can find the fellow who was on duty that night, please show him this letter so he will know I apologise.

Your in-flight service was excellent. On the flight to Delhi, I wore a flower my fellow office-workers had given me for a going-away present, and no one said anything about it until I boarded Air-India. On Air India, each hostess commented about how pretty it was. Indians take the time to see flowers on the journey through life, and Air-India reflects this.

Sincerely,

Sd/-
(Mrs.) Barbara Olsen



Brig. Gen. Nico Meyer being welcomed with a tikka by Miss Moina Khan of the Tea Board.



Guests being welcomed with a tikka.



Mrs. Gujral was requested by the Ambassador to be the Ambassador, Mr. Ajit Singh, our Manager chain of office, the Burgomaster of Madurodam and the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

MUSIC MAKERS OF INDIA

IN 1970, people of Holland had a glimpse of contemporary Indian art. This summer they and the hundreds of tourists who visited the miniature city of Madurodam saw and heard the sounds of some of the many folk musical instruments from India.

The exhibition "Music makers of India" was conceived and planned by Sorab Modi, our Assistant Publicity Manager, who is wellknown in music circles. The collection of instruments and photographs was from the Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi.

Speaking at the opening ceremony on June 21, 1972, the Indian Ambassador to Holland, Lt. Gen. Yadavendra Singh of Patiala, emphasised how music helps to bridge the abyss of ignorance that often keeps nations apart. He was certain that this exhibition would help all who see it during the six-week period, to get some idea about the wealth of India's folk music and folk musical instruments.

The Ambassador was particularly happy that the exhibition was possible because of the co-operation of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, Madurodam and Air-India. He paid tributes to

Mr. Ajit Singh, Air-India's Manager for Benelux and Scandinavia. The President of Madurodam, Mr. Van Dapperen, welcomed the Ambassador and the invitees to the opening function which had a marked Indian flavour. Three girls of the Indian Tea Board, assisted by Air-India receptionists, were on hand to welcome the guests with a tikka. They sprinkled Rose water and presented a rose for every lady visitor. Later they served Indian tea to the guests.

Gift

At the end of the ceremony, the Ambassador presented to the President of Madurodam a Sitar as a gift from Air-India to the little city.

There were several other visiting Indian VIPs present at the opening. These included Mrs. Gujral wife of Inder Gujral, Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Mrs. Nagendra Singh wife of the Principal Secretary to the President of India, and Mrs. Palkhiwalla wife of Mr. Nani Palkhiwalla, the eminent advocate.

All the invitees were most intrigued to see the variety and wealth of folk musical instruments and were even more surprised to hear the quaint sounds fill the gallery.

Commenting on the Exhibition, Mr. Modi said: "Music has always been the most important part of my life. During the last five or six years, my interest in old musical instruments has grown considerably. In fact, I have a collection of photographs and colour transparencies of over 300 old European instruments, earliest of which is a 1503 Spinetto. I also have several photographs of African, South American, Indonesian and, of course, Indian folk instruments. Every time I happened to be in Delhi I visited the Sangeet Natak Akademi collection and was fascinated by the work being done by the Akademi and their collection of instruments, folk theatre costumes and masks."

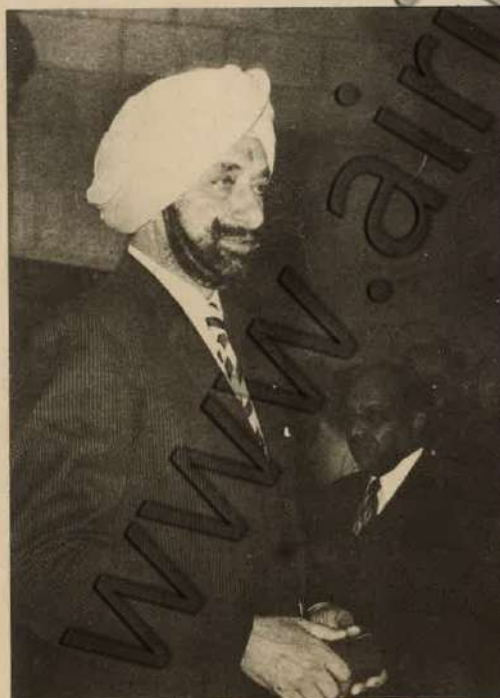
"When Mr. Ajit Singh wanted an Indian exhibition as follow-up on the highly successful one of contemporary art, I turned to this subject. I must say that without the whole-hearted

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Above, the Ambassador presenting the Sitar to Below, Mrs. Jungerius in sari seen in con

The Indian Ambassador seen looking at a panel of photograph.



INSIDE USA

A REPLAY

Welcome & Farewell

By Chudasama, New York

ALMOST three and a half years to the date, nearly four hundred invitees from the New York metropolitan area attended a cocktail reception in the glittering ballroom of the Regency Hotel on July 12, 1972 to bid farewell to our Regional Manager, Mr. M.I. Qadir and Mrs. Qadir and welcome our "new" Regional Director, Mr. P.F. Mahta and Mrs. Mahta. On February 13, 1969 we had a similar reception, in the same ballroom, to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Mahta and extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Qadir.

Like all such affairs, there was a certain touch of nostalgia in the air, but also, as one of our guests pointed out, we at Air-India have a certain sense of consistency.

Along with our numerous industry and non-industry friends who joined us at the Regency on a hot and humid day, were all our Area and District Sales Managers, who had arrived earlier to participate in the Annual Sales Meeting held the same day.

Special occasion

Mr. Qadir opened the meeting in the morning by welcoming all the participants. "This is a special occasion besides being a sales meeting. First of all, I want to thank you for the co-operation that you have given me during the period I have been here. For me, it has been a privilege to work in this region and to work with you. Secondly, this is an occasion for all of us to welcome back Mr. Mahta. As regards your performance, I want to congratulate you for the performance last year and the first quarter of this fiscal year. I have also assured Mr. Mahta that the region will meet the target without much difficulty."

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Mahta said: "First of all, I would like to say that I am glad to be back in the North American region. I would first of all like to congratulate Mr. Qadir and the U.S. team for having performed so well. As an ex-headquarters person, I must say that everyone there



Nikka Qadir and Peter Mahta congratulating each other. And well might they smile. Two wonderful billets - Geneva and New York!

has been entirely satisfied with the U.S. performance last year, and up to date this year".

The R.D. covered various areas of corporate policy and added: "I shall, of course, take a very keen and active interest in sales, which is the main activity and the main reason for us being in this organisation, and I look forward to this meeting to re-orient myself to what is going on in your areas. Again, to Nikka Qadir, thank you for taking care of this region so well during my absence and I wish him the very best of luck and good fortune at his next assignment in Geneva".

Mr. Martin, our Sales Manager, before moving into the nitty-gritty of the sales meeting, summed-up the feelings of the region's staff: "It is with pleasure and sorrow at the same time, that we have called you to a regional sales meeting in New York. The pleasure part is to see our old boss and friend, Mr. Mahta with us again, and the sorrow, of course, comes from seeing Mr. Qadir leave us, who for the past three years has been our 'Godfather', who has fought this region's battles with Bombay, kept us on the straight and narrow path, and made us perform to the satisfaction of Management. AMEN!"

Nearly 400 invitees from the New York metropolitan area attended a cocktail reception in the glittering ballroom of the Regency Hotel on July 12, 1972, to bid farewell to Mr. Qadir and welcome Mr. Mahta.



Mr. Van Dapperen looking on is Mrs. Gujral, behind him with the and Mr. Pawar (white jacket), Museum Keeper of the National Gallery "Asavari".



Mr. Van Dapperen looking on is Mrs. Gujral, behind him with the and Mr. Pawar (white jacket), Museum Keeper of the National Gallery "Asavari".



LONDON DIARY

Tourists, tourists and not a taxi

By Trevor Turner

"TOURISTS, Tourists, everywhere and not a taxi to be seen!" This was the cry in London in July. Despite the weather London this Summer has been the centre of attraction for a vast number of visitors and even a Peer of our Realm, not entirely unconnected with the tourist industry, recently commented that if we weren't careful, London would be swallowed up by our visitors in the Summer.

It is perhaps wrong to make such comments when these visitors contribute towards our bread and butter, but it is a serious situation. Let us hope that we can cope with it and that the flow can be more evenly divided over the 12 months of the year to avoid the over-crowding in high Summer.

When the various hotels announced plans for new developments a couple of years ago, when the Government grant for hotels was in existence, everybody talked in terms of over-capacity. These predictions were certainly not true, except possibly in a few lean days of February and early March. However it all goes to keep Londoners, and the travel industry on its toes and it certainly does at the airport where on a single day - June 30, 1972 - 76,659 people passed through Heathrow.

At last the weather has changed and we are pleased to announce that our Summer began on July 11. The sunshine, so long awaited has helped to raise the morale and brighten our lives generally. Until then it had been the coldest Summer on record, and on the longest day of the year some cricketers went out to bat, in sweaters and woolly hats. There were furcoats



U.K. Air Cargo Club, Manchester Branch, organised a local general knowledge competition and Peter Taylor our Cargo Sales Superintendent from Manchester presented the Maharajah Quiz Trophy to Alex Hume of Qantas, seen on the right.

at Ascot and to crown it all the authorities decided to test the Thames flood warning system.

Earlier this year we said goodbye to David Goodrum from Accounts, who had been with us since 1956. Many will remember him at Heathrow, especially our crew members drawing their allowances. On behalf of us all we send him our good wishes for the future. Another farewell recently was to Caroline Spencer-Crow, Secretary to the Chief Flight Purser, who left after seven years' service and recently became the Mother of a baby girl. We also send her our good wishes.

Publicity

Apart from Pam Phillips and Jane Coelho whose pedometer experiment brought in quite a bit of publicity with press mentions and photographs, another hostess in the news recently was Jeroo Dastur who was one of the judges at the Bostik Bonanza, a competition organised by the Bostik Adhesive Organisation in conjunction with us. Also on another occasion Jeroo Dastur and Lena Khan, lectured to the Rugby Relations Community Centre about being an air-hostess as a career.

The duty-free shopping facilities for passengers using No. 3 Terminal from which our services depart, have recently been extended and the floor

space for this shop now makes it the largest in the world. In the shop in addition to the cigarettes and tobaccos, it is possible to purchase radios, watches, china, clocks, jewellery and Kashmir goods. The shop has 16 check-out counters and we understand that it will be possible to deal with more than 1,200 passengers an hour.

Our Bowling Team who recently came fourth in the Airport League and had the distinction of having the second highest 'total pins' and 'high series', recently took part in a Marathon twelve hour bowling spell, the proceeds of which were donated to the National Children's Home Orphanage at Harpenden. This event was organised by BEA.

In June an unofficial staff party was organised and about 200 staff were present at the Packhorse Hotel in Staines, a lovely setting on the Thames for a Dinner Dance, complete with a five piece band and Eastern fare. There were lucky prizes, pretty girls and a good time was had by all.

In a recent issue of the U.K. Interline News we read the story of a man who rushed up to a taxi driver and asked to be driven to the airport to get the 11:30 flight. "I can drive fast", said the driver, "but I'll never make it especially as the planes always depart on time". "Most of the time they do", said the anxious man, "but in this case I'm the pilot".

Below left, U.K. Bowling Team. (L to R) - back row - K. Rafi, S. Solanki, Miss J. Pottesman, P. Rodrigues, P. Cooper, R. Patel and (L to R - seated) C. Vaney and S. Rafi. Right, Miss Jeroo Dastur, Deputy Chief Air Hostess, who was one of the judges at the Bostik Bonanza, a competition organised by the Bostik Adhesive Organisation in conjunction with Air India.



WEDDINGS



Raji, daughter of Mr. T.R.S. Mani of Engineering to Babu.



Usha, daughter of Mr. B.A. Menon of Production Planning Division to Mr. G.Y. Puthran of Indian Airlines.



Vasanthi, daughter of Mr. N.S. Hebbar of Engineering to Panduranga.

Music makers of India

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support of the Sangeet Natak Akademi and its Secretary, Dr. Suresh Awasthi, this exhibition would not have been possible. I am certain that the success of the present venture will point the way to a travelling exhibit which could be carried to several world capitals.

The language of music speaks directly from man to man and as such will go a long way in creating interest and understanding in India and its heritage."





Mr. Om Sawhney, Engineering Manager (Hqs.) making a presentation to Mr. A.E. Paul.



Above, Mr. P.D. Baliwala, Deputy Director of Engineering (second from right) seen with Mr. J.F. Sequeira, Deputy Engineering Manager (I), Mr. Manohar Singh and Mr. M.D. Kolhatkar, Deputy Engineering Manager (Instruments Shop) seen on right. Below, Mr. S.H. Mistry from the Mails Section.

Goodbye, Air-India

NEVER before have so many staff retired at the same time. Among the eight who retired in the last few weeks are five from Engineering and one each from Operations, Commercial and Stores Departments. Most of them have been more than 25 years with Air-India.

The senior most staff who retired was Mr. A. Rapp, Foreman in the Piston Engine Overhaul Division of the Engineering Department, who retired after 35 years service. He joined Tata Airlines in 1937.

At a farewell party organised by his colleagues in the Division, Mr. M.S. Balasubramanian, Deputy Engineering Manager, presented him with a tea set.

Mr. J.F. Sequeira, Deputy Engineering Manager, was the next senior-most staff to retire from the Engineering Department. He joined Tata Airlines in 1938. At a farewell party given by the staff of the Accessories Overhaul Division, Mr. P.D. Baliwala, Deputy Director of Engineering, made

a presentation to Mr. Sequeira and paid tributes to his work in Air-India.

Another staff to retire from the Accessories Overhaul Division was Mr. R.P. Menon, Inspector, who joined Air-India in 1942. Mr. Om Sawhney, Engineering Manager, Headquarters, and Mr. D.P. Nimkar, Engineering Manager (Overhaul), joined the staff of the Division in wishing Mr. Menon many years of peaceful retired life.

The Plant and Equipment Division held a joint farewell party for Mr. A.E. Paul, Foreman and Mr. Ramesh Rao, Assistant Administrative Officer, with Mr. Om Sawhney as the chief guest. Mr. Paul joined Tata Airlines in 1938 as a Welder and became Foreman in 1966. Mr. Rao, who joined as a stenographer in 1946 became a Sr. O.A. in 1966 and Assistant Administrative Officer in 1969.

The Transport Division of the Operations Department bade farewell to Mr. C.A. D'Silva, Senior Carpenter, who has been with Air-India since

1955. At a largely attended farewell party, Capt. J.S. Dhillon, Deputy Director of Operations, was the chief guest.

Mr. S.H. Mistry, retired, after having served in the Mail Section of the Commercial Department for almost 25 years. He joined Air-India Ltd. in December 1947.

Mr. Mistry's colleagues at Santa Cruz, as also in the Mail, Passenger Relations, and Ground Handling Sections, participated in the farewell party organised by the Mail Section. The party was attended among others by Mr. J.C. Malani and Mr. E.P. D'Silva. Mr. Mistry was presented a purse on behalf of his colleagues.

The Stores Department said goodbye to Mr. S.B. Joshi, until recently Supplies Manager, London, who retired after almost 29 years of service with Air-India. Mr. S.C. Kale, Controller of Stores and Purchases said that Mr. Joshi was one of the most hard working persons he had known. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Joshi a long life.



Above, Mr. M.S. Balasubramanian, Deputy Engineering Manager, Piston Engine Overhaul Division, making a presentation to Mr. A. Rapp. Below, Capt. J.S. Dhillon, Deputy Director of Operations, making a presentation to Mr. C.A. D'Silva, while Mr. R.N. Tavadia, Manager, Transport, looks on.



Above left, Mr. Ramesh Rao with the present he received from his colleagues. Right, Mr. D.P. Nimkar, Engineering Manager (Overhaul), garlanding Mr. Menon. Below, Mr. S.C. Kale, Controller of Stores & Purchases speaking at the farewell party to Mr. S.B. Joshi (third from left). Others seen in the photograph are (L to R) Mrs. Kale, Mrs. Joshi and Mr. D. Shrivastha, Deputy Controller of Stores & Purchases.



The Prime Minister of Bangla Desh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman flew on one of our Boeing 707s to London on July 26, 1972. He is seen here at London airport with Mr. Anthony Royle, Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office (third from left), High Commissioner for Bangla Desh in U.K. (L.) and Mr. M.A.S. Dalal, Regional Director-UK (Right).

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To promote tourist traffic to India Air-India Hong Kong hosted a film show and a cocktail party for the British Armed Forces and leading Chinese businessmen of Hong Kong at the Foreign Correspondents' Club. Seen during reception are (L to R) Mr. Stanley Ho, leading real estates owner of Hong Kong and Macan and Shipping magnate, Mrs. Nirmal Chhugani, wife of Assistant Manager, Hong Kong, Major H.K.A. Leslie of MILAIR International, Hong Kong, Mrs. M. McPherson, President of the CSOS Wives Club and Mr. P.R. Chhugani, Assistant Manager, Hong Kong.



Our Bombay Booking Office played hosts to 90 American Field Service students who flew on Air-India from New York to Bombay, at a Tea Party on July 4, 1972 in the Restaurant at the Air-India Building at Nariman Point.



At the Suva Bowling Club where the South Pacific Bowling Championships were held from June 15-20, 1972, Mr. Peter Oats, Green Warden and former Fiji Bowling Representative at the Commonwealth Games in Scotland in 1970 shows Dianne Stavrianos, our receptionist from Sydney some of the finer points of lawn bowling. Dianne visited Suva, Fiji, recently to assist local staff in manning a Travellers Service Bureau set up by Air-India to help visiting bowlers from Australia, New Guinea and New Zealand at the South Pacific Bowling Championships (Photo by Fiji Sport).

