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HONOUR FOR MR. TATA

A silver model of the Puss Moth which was flown by Mr J.R.D. Tata on the first scheduled air mail flight in the country from Karachi to Bombay on October 15, 1932, was presented to the erstwhile Chairman of Air-India at a simple ceremony held in his office in Bombay.

By a happy coincidence, Mr J.R.D. Tata received a message from USA at the very time the above presentation was being made, informing him that he had been selected for the Tony Jannus Award for 1979 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of air transportation.

Among the other eminent aviation personalities who have received this award in the past are: Juan Trippe, founder of PanAm, Donald W. Douglas, founder of Douglas Aircraft Corporation, Eddie Rickenbaker, First World War aviation ace who later started Eastern Airlines, W.A. Patterson, founder of United Airlines, Sir Frank Whittle, inventor of the jet engine and Gen. Jimmy Doolittle of the US Air Force, the man who spearheaded the first carrier-borne attack on Japan.

Mr Tata has been asked to accept the award at a special ceremony in Tampa, Florida, in March next year.

The presentation of the silver model was made by Mr K.G. Appusamy, Managing Director of Air-India, on behalf of the staff of the airline. This presentation was in connection with the 30th Anniversary of Air-India's international operations, the first scheduled international flight, Bombay-Cairo-Geneva-London having been operated in June 1948.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Blue-Riband Route

Air-India completed 30 years of its international operations last month. It was on June 8, 1948 that an Air-India Constellation, "Malabar Princess", took off from Bombay for London via Cairo and Geneva to inaugurate its first ever international service.

The Jamsaheb of Nawanagar, M.S. Duleepsinhji, Neville Wadia, Indian film producer Keki Mody and his wife and two Indian Olympic cyclists were among the 35 passengers who boarded the inaugural flight. The plane carried 164 bags containing about 1,700 lb. of mail.

Rapid expansion of Air-India has taken place in the last 30 years. From just one international flight

out of Bombay per week, Air-India now operates 57 services a week over a route network covering 38 cities in five continents. In the first full year of international operations, Air-India carried just 8,000 passengers. Last year the total was over one million passengers. At the same time, the revenue has grown from Rs. 1.50 crores a year to Rs. 300.00 crores (US \$340 million) and the fleet from just three 40-seat Constellations to nine 142-seat Boeing 707s and five 386-seat Boeing 747s. A sixth 747 is scheduled for delivery in July, 1978.

Formed in 1932, Air-India had built up an extensive domestic route network by 1947, when it was ready to launch international operations. Air-India proposed to the newly for-

med Government of independent India that it was willing to form a new company to operate international services with 49 per cent Government participation, with an option available to the Government to buy a further 2 per cent any time it wished. In anticipation of approval of this plan, Air-India had already placed an order for three Lockheed Constellations, which were then the most modern aeroplanes available for commercial service.

Once the Government approved the plans, Air-India was able to start its international operations at a short notice. Following nationalisation in 1953, Air-India spread its wings further afield with a steady expansion of routes and services.

Anniversaries Galore!

On August 1, Indian Airlines and Air-India will celebrate the 25th anniversary of nationalisation of the air transport industry in India. 15 days later comes the 20th anniversary of our first operation to Moscow. Last month we completed 30 years of international service (see above). In 1982, comes along A-I's Golden Jubilee. Maybe, in true sporting tradition we should, in future, concentrate only on silver and gold.

Mr J.R.D. Tata receiving a silver model of the Puss Moth flown by him from Karachi to Bombay on October 15, 1932, from Mr K.G. Appusamy, Managing Director of Air-India. Other A-I Directors in the picture are (left to right): Capt D. Bose, Director of Operations, Mr C.L. Sharma, Director of Finance and Mr I.D. Sethi, Commercial Director.



Air-India Introduces Low Fares To UK And Europe

From June, Air-India has, for the first time, introduced special individual excursion fares from India to the UK and France, Italy, Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

So far such individual excursion fares were available only for passengers travelling between India and the USA and from the UK to India.

With the recent liberalisation of the Foreign Travel Scheme by the Government of India, Air-India has negotiated these fares on a bilateral basis with the national carriers of the countries concerned. The concerned Governments, including the Government of India, have ratified these fares. The new fares offer individual passenger discounts of approximately 40%, whereas the only promotional fares available from India in the past were for groups buying Inclusive Tours.

The roundtrip economy excursion fare of Rs. 6,650 from Bombay/Delhi to London offers a passenger a saving of over Rs. 4,500 on the normal return fare. This requires a minimum stay in UK of 21 days and a maximum of 90 days. With a single stopover in either direction, the fare will be Rs. 7,350. Passengers from Madras and Calcutta will pay Rs. 7,450 without a stopover and Rs. 8,150 with a stopover.

The roundtrip fare from Bombay/Delhi to Paris, Brussels, Warsaw and Prague will be Rs. 6,600 and to Rome Rs. 5,850. Excursion fares have also been introduced from Madras and Calcutta to all these destinations. For these European destinations, a single stopover is permitted either on the outbound or return trip. The minimum and maximum periods of stay in the destination country will be 14 and 21 days respectively.

INDIAN TOURIST OFFICE

The Government of India Tourist Office was recently opened in Perth to help cater to the needs of the growing number of Western Australians, who holiday in India.



(Above) Honourable G. MacKinnon being received by Ms P. Dewani, Receptionist at Perth Airport. (Below: Left to right) Ms Bamji; His Excellency Mr Ajmani; Ms MacKinnon; Honourable G. MacKinnon; Mr K.N. Saha, Director, GOI Tourist Office, Perth; Ms Ajmani; and Mr Madan Lall, our Manager-WA & SA.

At the official opening ceremony, the Indian High Commissioner, Mr J.C. Ajmani, said that if the new facility encouraged another five or ten per cent of Australians to see the world "we will have done a good service to Indo-Australian friendship".

The Regional Director of the Tourist Office, Ms K. Bamji, said the first tourist office in Australia was opened in Melbourne in 1956. Later an office opened in Sydney. She said 24,500 Australians visited India last year—an increase of 13 per cent over the previous year.

The WA Minister for Tourism, Mr MacKinnon, said Perth was recognised as the gateway to and from the south-east.

During the ceremony, attended by airline heads and travel industry people, Mr Ajmani performed a traditional lamp lighting ceremony to mark the opening of the office.



The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Morarji Desai, who flew on our service to London and New York is seen at Heathrow Airport, London, with Mr Eric Pereira our RD-UK.

ON THE MOVE

The following staff have been promoted:

Headquarters:

Mr S. Narayanswamy as Secretary; Mr H.K. Gupta, Manager-Establishment, in the grade of Senior Station Manager; Mr D.G. Sawant as Dy Manager-Establishment; Ms M. Castellino as Asstt Manager (Administration); Mr R.N. Dhond as Administrative Officer (Medical Clinic); Ms A.K. Dastoor as Asstt Manager-Establishment; Mr K.A. Raman as Asstt Manager-Establishment; Mr K.S. Ramaswamy as Secretary to Dy Managing Director; Mr B.K. Katti as Secretary in the Managing Director's Secretariat; Mr V.T. Devasia as Secretary in the Managing Director's Secretariat; and Messrs J.B. Tambday and B.G. Dhemre as Asstt Administrative Officers.

Management Services Department:

Mr G. Kalyanasundaram as Asstt Director-Management Services; Messrs K.K. Venkateswaran and M.F. Sethna as Sr Systems Managers.

Commercial Department:

Mr H.M. Kaul as Dy Commercial Director; Messrs A. Vaish, Randhir Singh and T.K. Rao as Sr Station Managers; Messrs N.D. Petit, M.S. Warriar, G.C. Pinto, M. Zahid and M.M. Shroff as Station Managers; Mr T.N. Ganapathy as Secretary to Commercial Director and Mr M.N. Ananthan as Secretary to Managing Director, HCI.

Accounts Department:

Mr V.R. Kulkarni as Dy Controller of Accounts; Mr R.M. Naik as Dy Controller of Accounts (Expenditure); Messrs V.G. Gogate, S. Ramamurthy, P.C. Khanna and K.P. Behramkamdin as Asstt Financial Controllers; Messrs C.V. Gururajan, C.M. Amin, P. Kapoor, J.A. Sidhwa and P.R. Mukherjee as Sr Accounts Officers; Messrs B.S. Raut, K.H. Upadhyay, K. Raghunathan, S.U. Bhatia, R.J. Shah, M.K. Venkataraman, K.S. Totade, D.E. Cooper and S.H. Supnekar as Accounts Officers; Messrs S.G. Situt, K.N. Sivaramakrishnan, G.K. Patel, Y.P. Nadkarni, K.S. Gangadharan, R. Viswanathan and G.R. Gupta as Asstt Accounts Officers; and

Messrs A. Krishnamoorthy, S.M. Sain, S.G. Surve, M.G. Sule, K.G. Shah, M.G. Kamath, V. Kalyanaraman, K.N. Ananthanarayanan, S.D. Ambike, R.C. Mehta, K.B. Menon, N.N. Malvankar, H.M. Naik, P.N. Roy, M.A. Qadri, J.C. Kohli, M.S. Nadkarni, K. Rajmani, S.R. Krishnamurthy, A.T. Shah, M.G. Ved, T.S. Sankaran and Ms S.V. Jayalakshmi as Accountants.

Security:

Messrs V.Y. Deshmukh; R. Srinivasan and K.G. Jayawant as Security Managers.

Personnel Department:

Mr K.A. Sapat, Industrial Relations Manager, in the grade of Commercial Manager; Mr M.V. Ramnathkar as Dy Personnel Manager; and Mr V.A. Pandit as Personnel Officer.

Engineering Department:

Mr H. Bhattacharya as Asstt Engineering Manager; Messrs M.N. Raja, V.S. Kallianpurkar, J.J. Lewis, Y.T. Shirname and K.G. Kamath as Asstt Superintendents; and Mr N.S. Hebbur as Administrative Officer.

Operations Department:

Mr J.P. D'Souza as Asstt Manager Admin; Messrs K.V. Titus, K. Krishna Prakash, G.N. Bongale, K. Ramathan, P.S. Swaminathan, S.B. Arabatti, A. Varadarajan and Ms M.S. Mallya as Sr Technical Officers.

Inflight Service Department:

Messrs P. Jayaraman, P.B. Borkar, C.N. Lakshmanan, W.L. Lewis and P.P.A. Paniker as Station Superintendents.

Civil Works & Properties Department:

Messrs V. Ganesan and B.K. Satyanarayan as Sr Technical Officers.

Communications Department:

Mr V.S. Katre as Dy Controller of Communications; Mr M.B. Acharya as Sr Dy Communications Manager; Messrs P.A. Menon, P.K. Rajan and S. Raman as Signals Officers; and Messrs V. Ramasubramanian, K. Balasubramanian, A.K. Sen, M.L. George and K.K. Nair as Jr Officers (Signals).

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इंडिया-यू.के. मार्ग वर्षगांठ मुबारक

एअर-इंडिया ने पिछले मास अपनी अंतरा-प्रांतीय उड़ान के ३० वर्ष पूरे किए हैं। ८ जून १९४८ को एअर-इंडिया कॉन्स्टेलेशन "मलबार प्रिंस" ने बम्बई से कैरो तथा जेनेवा होते हुए लन्दन तक उड़ान भरकर सर्वप्रथम अंतरा-प्रांतीय सेवा का उद्घाटन किया।

सर्वप्रथम उड़ान पर सवार ३५ यात्रियों में नवानगर के जामसाहब, एम. एस. दलीपसिंहजी, नेविल वाडिया, भारतीय फिल्म निर्माता के.बी. मोदी व उनकी धर्मपत्नी और दो भारतीय ओलम्पिक साइकिल सवार शामिल थे। दिमान में १६४ बैग थे जिनमें लगभग १,७०० पौण्ड वजन की डाक थी।

पिछले ३० वर्षों में एअर-इंडिया ने बड़ी तेजी से विस्तार किया है। जहाँ पहले बम्बई से प्रति साप्ताहिक केवल एक अंतरा-प्रांतीय उड़ान होती थी वहाँ अब प्रति साप्ताहिक ५७ उड़ानों की जाती हैं जो पाँच महाद्वीपों में ३८ शहरों के हवाई मार्ग को तय करती हैं। अंतरा-प्रांतीय संचालन के पहले वर्ष में एअर-इंडिया से ८,००० यात्रियों ने यात्रा की। पिछले वर्ष यह संख्या दस लाख से अधिक थी। इसके साथ ही राजस्व १.५० करोड़ रुपये से ३००.०० करोड़ रुपये (३४० मिलियन अमेरिकन डॉलर) बढ़ गया और ४०-सीट वाले केवल तीन

कॉन्स्टेलेशन विमानों के बड़े में १४२-सीट वाले ९ बोईंग ७०७ और ३८६-सीट वाले ५ बोईंग ७४७ विमानों की बढ़ोतरी हुई। इस बड़े में छोटा बोईंग ७४७ जुलाई १९७८, से शामिल हो जायेगा।

१९३२ में स्थापित एअर-इंडिया ने १९४७ तक एक व्यापक अंतरा-प्रांतीय मार्ग का जाल बिछा लिया था जिससे अंतरा-प्रांतीय संचालन शुरू किया जा सके। स्वतंत्र भारत की नयी नयी सरकार के सामने एअर-इंडिया ने प्रस्ताव रखा कि वह अंतरा-प्रांतीय सेवा आरम्भ करने के लिए एक नयी कम्पनी बनाने के लिए इच्छुक है जिसमें ४९ प्रतिशत हिस्सा सरकार का रहेगा। प्रस्ताव में सरकार को किसी भी समय २१/१० अधिक हिस्सा खरीदने का भी 'ऑप्शन' दिया गया था। इस प्रस्ताव की स्वीकृति का पहले ही से अनुमान होने के कारण एअर-इंडिया ने कम्पनियन सर्विस के लिए उस समय के सबसे आधुनिक तीन 'लॉकहीड कॉन्स्टेलेशन' विमानों का आर्डर भी दे दिया था।

जैसे ही सरकार ने योजना की स्वीकृति दी एअर-इंडिया ने कम समय के नोटिस पर अंतरा-प्रांतीय संचालन आरम्भ कर दिया। १९५३ में राष्ट्रीयकरण होने पर एअर-इंडिया ने विभिन्न मार्गों व सेवाओं का विस्तार कर अपने पक्ष आगे फैलाए।



श्री जे. आर. डी. टाटा पुस्तोथ विमान के सिल्वर मॉडल के साथ। इस विमान से उन्होंने १५ अक्टूबर १९३२ को कराची से बम्बई तक की उड़ान की थी।

यू.के. व यूरोप के लिए किरायों में कमी

एअर-इंडिया ने जून १९७८ से पहली बार भारत से यू.के., फ्रांस, इटली, बेल्जियम, पोलैण्ड और चेकोस्लोवाकिया के लिए स्पेशल व्यक्तिगत एसकरशन फेअर्स शुरू किए हैं।

इस प्रकार के व्यक्तिगत 'एसकरशन फेअर्स' अभी तक केवल उन यात्रियों के लिए लागू थे जो भारत और अमेरिका के बीच तथा यू.के. से भारत तक यात्रा करते थे।

भारत सरकार द्वारा हाल ही में विदेश यात्रा योजना (फॉरेन ट्रैवल स्कीम) के उद्घाटन के बाद एअर-इंडिया ने संबंधित देशों की हवाई कम्पनियों से द्विपक्षीय आधार पर इन किरायों के बारे में समझौता किया है। भारत सरकार सहित सभी संबंधित देशों की सरकारों ने इन किरायों का समर्थन किया है। नए किरायों में प्रत्येक यात्री को लगभग ४० प्रतिशत छूट दी गई है जब कि पहले केवल भारत से शुरू में यात्रा करने वाले यात्री ही इस प्रकार की छूट का लाभ उठा सकते थे।

बम्बई या दिल्ली से लन्दन आने वाले किसी यात्री को ६,६५० रु. के 'राउण्ड ट्रिप इकानमी एसकरशन फेअर' में साधारण वापसी किराए पर ४,५०० रु. से अधिक की बचत होती है। इस सुविधा का लाभ उठाने के लिए यू.के. में कम से कम २१ दिन तथा अधिक से अधिक १० दिन ठहरना जरूरी है। आने या जाने की यात्रा के दौरान कहीं भी एक जगह रुकने पर ७,३५० रु. किराया देना होगा। मद्रास या कलकत्ता से यात्रा करने वाले यात्री को बिना कहीं रुके ७,४५० रु. और किसी एक जगह रुकने पर ८,१५० रु. किराया देना होगा।

बम्बई या दिल्ली से पेरिस, ब्रुसेल्स, वारसा और प्राग तक का 'राउण्ड ट्रिप' किराया ६,६०० रु. तथा रीम तक का ५,८५० रु. होगा। मद्रास व कलकत्ता से भी इन सभी स्थानों के लिए 'एसकरशन फेअर्स' शुरू किए गए हैं। उपरोक्त यूरोपीय देशों की यात्रा के दौरान किसी भी तरह की बचत में एक जगह रुकने से कम १४ दिन व अधिक से अधिक २१ दिन तक रुक सकते हैं।

युवा प्रतिभा

एअर-इंडिया ने भारत में काम करने वाले कर्मचारियों के बच्चों के लिए वार्षिक कीड़ा अनुदान देने की घोषणा की है। एअर-इंडिया स्पोर्ट्स कंट्रोल बोर्ड द्वारा गठित एक विशेष उप समिति ने १९७६-७७ के दौरान बच्चों के प्रदर्शन का निरीक्षण कर ६ बच्चों को इन अनुदानों के लिए चुना है।

अनुदान के लिए चुने गये बच्चे इस प्रकार हैं—उद्योगत सेवा विभाग के श्री ए.ए. फर्नान्डिस की पुत्री क्रिस्टाबेल, वाणिज्य विभाग (मद्रास) के श्री ई. ए. मेनन का पुत्र सुरेश, इंजीनियरी विभाग के श्री सी. जे. मिस्रिका की पुत्री शरन, इंजीनियरी विभाग के श्री बी. जी. वास्कर की पुत्री मीरा, परिचालन विभाग के श्री ई. हिरोजा का पुत्र एलिक तथा वाणिज्य विभाग के श्री सी. ए. डी. मेला की पुत्री क्रिस्टाबेल।

बाल वर्ष में टैनिट प्रदर्शन पर युवा बच्चों का बोखाला रहा जब कि हमारे कर्मचारियों के बच्चों ने अपने सराहनीय प्रदर्शन द्वारा बम्बई अंतर-स्कूल टैनिट चैम्पियनशिप को बटोर लिया।

इंजीनियरी विभाग के श्री एस. बी. कन्दीकर के पुत्र सतीश ने १६ वर्ष से कम आयु वाले लड़कों के लिए निर्धारित कजिअर ट्रॉफी जीती। उसी प्रकार उद्योगत सेवा विभाग के श्री ऑस्टिन फर्नान्डिस की पुत्री क्रिस्टाबेल ने १८ वर्ष से कम आयु की लड़कियों के लिए निर्धारित ट्रॉफी जीती। परिचालन विभाग के श्री एन. एन. मिथल के दो पुत्रों—संजय और समीर ने कुछ प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लिया और सेमी-फाइनल तथा फाइनल तक पहुँचे। इंजीनियरी विभाग के श्री बी. पी. बालिगा की पुत्री आशा १४ वर्षों से कम आयु वाली लड़कियों की तीन प्रतियोगिताओं में रनर-अप रही। भूतपूर्व इंजीनियरी निदेशक, श्री ओम साहनी की पुत्री शीला ने स्कूल टीम में भाग लिया। उनका स्कूल टीम-चैम्पियनशिप में रनर-अप रहा।

एक और श्रेष्ठ बालक है दस वर्षीय हरी, जो मुख्य सतर्कता और सुरक्षा प्रबंधक श्री एस. राममूर्ति, आई.पी.एस. का पुत्र है। कर्नेल एण्ड जेनरल स्कूल, बम्बई के छात्र हरी ने १० वर्ष से कम आयु-ग्रुप में अंतर-स्कूल टैनिट चैम्पियनशिप जीती और स्विमिंग में ११ वर्ष से कम आयु-ग्रुप में व्यक्तिगत चैम्पियनशिप टाइटल भी जीता। महाराष्ट्र स्टेट एक्वाटिक चैम्पियनशिप विजेता होने के कारण उन मद्रास में आयोजित नैशनल एक्वाटिक मुकाबले में महाराष्ट्र का प्रतिनिधित्व करने के लिए चुना गया था।

श्री टाटा का सम्मान

एअर-इंडिया के भूतपूर्व अध्यक्ष श्री जे. आर. डी. टाटा को बम्बई में उनके कार्यालय में आयोजित एक साधारण समारोह में 'पुरस्कार' का सिल्वर मॉडल उपहार में दिया गया। श्री टाटा ने १५ अक्टूबर १९३२ को देश में पहली बार कराची से बम्बई तक 'पुरस्कार' विमान द्वारा एअर-मेल उड़ान आरम्भ की थी।

संयोगवश उसी अवसर पर श्री टाटा को अमेरिका से एक संदेश मिला जिसके अनुसार हवाई यातायात के विकास में उनके विशिष्ट योगदान के सम्मानार्थ १९७९ वर्ष के लिए उन्हें 'टोनी जानस अवार्ड' के लिए चुना गया था।

इससे पूर्व विमानन क्षेत्र के जिन अन्य महत्वपूर्ण व्यक्तियों को यह अवार्ड दिया गया उनमें शामिल हैं—'पान एम' के फाउंडर-जुआन ट्रिपी, 'डुगलास एयरक्राफ्ट कॉर्पोरेशन' के फाउंडर—डोनाल्ड डबल्यू. डुगलास, प्रथम विश्व युद्ध विमानन विशेषज्ञ—एडी रिक्नेवेकर, जिन्होंने बाद में 'इरटर्न

एयरलाइंस' शुरू की। 'यूनाइटेड एयरलाइंस' के फाउंडर—डबल्यू. ए. पैटसन, जेट इंजन के आविष्कारक सर फ्रैंक व्हिटल और यू.एस. एयरफोर्स के जनरल जिमी डुलिटल, जिनके नेतृत्व में सर्वप्रथम हवाई हमला जापान पर किया गया था।

श्री टाटा अगले वर्ष मार्च में टाम्पा, फ्लोरिडा में होने वाले एक विशेष समारोह में इस अवार्ड को प्राप्त करेंगे।

एअर-इंडिया के प्रबंधक निदेशक श्री के. जी. अप्पुलामी ने एयरलाइन के कर्मचारियों की तरफ से सिल्वर मॉडल भेंट किया। यह भेंट एअर-इंडिया के अंतरा-प्रांतीय संचालन की ३० वीं वर्षगांठ पर दी गई। स्मरण रहे जून १९४८ में बम्बई-कैरो-जेनेवा-लन्दन मार्ग पर सर्वप्रथम अंतरा-प्रांतीय उड़ान की गई थी।

इस अवसर पर श्री सी. एल. शर्मा, विल्ट निदेशक, कैप्टन डी. बॉस, परिचालन निदेशक तथा श्री आई. डी. सैदी, वाणिज्य निदेशक, उपस्थित थे।

अभिनन्दन

श्री जयसिंह जगताप ने १ जून १९७८ से कॉरपोरेशन के सहायक सचिव का पदभार ग्रहण किया है। १९५७ में लेखा विभाग में प्रवेश करने के बाद इन्होंने १९६९ में लेखा प्रबन्धक-पयंटन के पद पर जेनेवा में नियुक्त किया गया था जहाँ वे 'ऑपरेशन यूरोप' के साथ आरम्भ से ही जुड़े रहे।

कलकत्ता कार्यालय के श्री डी. के. सरकार ने हाल ही में 'लन्दन चेम्बर ऑफ कॉमर्स एण्ड इंडस्ट्री' की कम्पनियल एजुकेशन स्कीम के अंतर्गत बिजनेस और इंडस्ट्रियल एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन में डिप्लोमा कोर्स पास किया।

श्री एस. ए. शुक्ला, मैनेजर-सिमुलेटर ट्रेनिंग के २२ वर्षीय पुत्र रोहित शुक्ला ने कैम्ब्रिज यूनिवर्सिटी, इंग्लैंड से समाज और राजनीति विज्ञान में ऑनर्स के साथ प्रेजेंटेशन पास किया। टाटा

एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन सर्विस द्वारा अखिल भारत से चुने गए ६ उम्मीदवारों में रोहित भी एक हैं।

रोहित ने १९७४ में बम्बई से प्रथम श्रेणी में बी. ए. पास किया। वह यूनिवर्सिटी में अपने विषय ग्रुप में प्रथम आया और १९७५ में सम्माननीय कैम्ब्रिज सोसायटी स्कॉलरशिप प्राप्त की। बम्बई के छात्र समूह में उसे एक उस्ताही वाद-विवाद करने वाला, वक्ता और अभिनेता माना जाता था। रोहित कैम्ब्रिज यूनिवर्सिटी इंडिया सोसायटी का अध्यक्ष भी रहा। यह वह भव्य संस्था है जिसके सदस्यों में जवाहरलाल नेहरू भी एक थे।

वाणिज्य विभाग के श्री वी. जी. शेड्डी का पुत्र रवि 'किडरगार्डन' में पढ़ रहे ५२ छात्रों में प्रथम आया।



कलकत्ता कार्यालय के श्री जी. मंडल ने अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति का कशीदाकारी किया हुआ चित्र उनकी भारत यात्रा के दौरान बनाया। चित्र में वे व्हाइट हाउस के स्टायक असिस्टेंट लाण्डन काइट के साथ दिखाई दे रहे हैं।



श्री आई. डी. सेठी, वाणिज्य निदेशक द्वारा जालन्धर के नये कार्यालय का उद्घाटन किया गया। चित्र में दिखाई दे रहे हैं (बाएँ से दायें) कैप्टन जे. आर. मार्टिन, जन सम्पर्क प्रबन्धक, श्री अजीत सिंह, वाणिज्य प्रबन्धक-आरक्षण प्रक्रिया, श्री रमधीर सिंह, प्रबन्धक-उत्तर भारत और श्री आर. बी. शर्मा, विकी प्रबन्धक-पंजाब।



श्री सी. एल. शर्मा को आई. ए. टी. ए. की वित्तीय समिति का प्रथम उपाध्यक्ष चुना गया है। वे वर्तमान अध्यक्ष के कार्यकाल समाप्ति के बाद समिति के अध्यक्ष पद का भार सम्हालेंगे।



श्री एस. के. नन्दा, मुख्य कार्मिक प्रबन्धक को उप निदेशक, कार्मिक व औद्योगिक सम्पर्क का पद दिया गया है।



भारत के प्रधान मंत्री श्री मोरारजी देसाई, जिन्होंने एयर-इंडिया से लन्दन और न्यूयार्क की यात्रा की, लन्दन के हीथ्रो एयरपोर्ट पर एयर-इंडिया कर्मचारियों के साथ।



बम्बई एयरपोर्ट पर कार्गो कॉलेक्स के II मॉडल के उद्घाटन के लिए पूजा की गई।



टाटा की स्टेट बॉक्सिंग टूर्नामेंट के विजेता टायरन फर्नान्डिस।



IATA Vice-Chairman

Mr C.L. Sharma, our Director of Finance, was elected first Vice Chairman of the IATA's Financial Committee at Geneva. Mr M. Junger of SWISSAIR was appointed second Vice-Chairman.

Mr Sharma will thus take over the Chairmanship of the Committee on conclusion of the tenure of the present Chairman, Mr T. Woods of TWA.

CONGRATS

Jaysing Jagtap

Mr Jaysing Jagtap has taken over as Assistant Secretary of the Corporation from June 1, 1978. After joining the Accounts Department in 1957, he was posted to Geneva in 1969 as Accounts Manager, Tourism and has been associated with the 'Operation Europe' since its inception.



D. K. Sarkar

Mr D. K. Sarkar of our Calcutta office, has recently passed the Diploma Course in Business and Industrial Administration under the Commercial Education Scheme of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Ravi Shetty

Ravi, son of Mr V.G. Shetty of the Commercial Department, has stood first out of fifty-two in the kindergarten class.



Rohit Shukla

22-year-old Rohit Shukla, son of Mr S.A. Shukla, Manager-Simulator Training, graduated with Honours from Cambridge University, England with a degree in Social and Political Sciences. He is one of the six chosen on an all India basis by the Tata Administrative Service.

Rohit passed his B.A. from Bombay in 1974, graduated with a first class, stood first in the University in his subject group and obtained the prestigious Cambridge Society Scholarship in 1975. A keen debater, speaker and actor in Bombay student circles, he was president of the Cambridge University India Society, an august body that once had Jawaharlal Nehru among its members.

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Service Pins

At a recent function held in Delhi, Mr A. Kaul, Resident Maintenance Manager, presented service pins to staff who have completed 20 years and 10 years of service in the Corporation. The photograph shows Mr Kaul congratulating Mr M.S. Panwar who has completed 20 years of service. Others in the background are Mr Uttam Chand, Sr Driver and Mr G.C. Bindhani, Sr Aircraft Technician.



Mr P.G. Gadgil (front) and Mr S.R. Shenai with the Zambia Airways' trainees.

Zambia Airways Trainees

Air-India has provided training facilities to three Engineers of Zambia Airways. These Engineers on their return home, recommended to their Management that it would be advisable to send more Engineers already licenced on small aircraft to Air-India to gain "on the job" practical experience on Boeing 707 and its power plant.

This request was received by Mr Om Sawhny, former Director of Engineering from Brigadier General Haimbe, Managing Director of Zambia Airways. Accordingly Four Engineers, Jacob Chisela, Eric Tembo, Masauso Banda and Arthur Kunsanama, arrived in

Bombay and commenced their training from October 3, 1977.

These Engineers were given classroom training, familiarisation courses on Boeing 707s, its power plant systems and airframe in order to enable them to prepare for their 'A' & 'C' Licence examinations on the Boeing 707. All the four Engineers have been declared successful in their examination.

Zambia Airways has also deputed Mr S.L. Patel to gain experience in our Technical Services on Defect Investigation, Quality Control, Modification Procedures, etc.

Mr S.R. Shenai, Dy Director of Engineering met the trainees prior to their departure to Zambia.

Legendary Mountaineer

Early this year Prof N.E. Odell was a guest of the Himalayan Club during their Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Delhi.

A founder member of the Himalayan Club and a legendary mountaineer, Prof Odell was the third climber with Irvin and Mallory in the 1924 British Expedition to Mount Everest.

When the two failed to return, Odell went in search of them and climbed beyond 28,000 ft. without oxygen. He is probably one of the oldest Everest climbers alive today and in spite of his age ('They would never believe I'm only 87' he said when asked) he is fit and loves travelling.



Prof N.E. Odell with Hostess Anita Sharma.



CARGO COMPLEX IN BOMBAY

By N. S. KANNAN

Perhaps, many in Air-India may not be aware of a new division that has been functioning for the past one year under the jurisdiction of Manager-Santa Cruz, quietly carrying out the functions of handling, warehousing and transporting of customs-cleared air shipments for export, as well as facilitating ultimate delivery of export shipments brought in by various airlines, to consignees, after completion of the formalities, on behalf of the International Airports Authority of India.

About two years ago, trade circles in Bombay felt that there was a need to have a centralised facility for completing all governmental formalities and warehousing of commodities in one location, as at that time organisations dealing with export and import, had to spend considerable time and energy for completion of these formalities, because various Government Agencies connected with export and import trade were in scattered areas causing delays in moving export goods to outside markets. When this was taken up with the Government of India, the officials understood the genuineness of the problem and came forward to redress the same. Thus, the object of creating a centralised location was entrusted with the International Airports Authority of India, a Government Corporation dealing with the Management of International Airports in India.

The IAAI after a careful thought for materialising a giant cargo shed in a shortest duration, with least expense, decided to dismantle a huge hangar which was not of much use at Calcutta, to erect the same at Bombay Airport for use as a cargo warehousing shed, with built-up area in front for the offices. Thus, the interim International Cargo Complex was organised, but handling of import and export cargo approximately about 75 to 80 tons a day posed a problem for IAAI authorities, as they were at that time not geared to shoulder this function due to inadequate training to their personnel and equipment at their disposal.

Hence, they looked upon Air-India

to come to their aid in organising the operational side, as they felt confident that Air-India could undertake this project, as their Ground Handling Agents. The Government of India were also in favour of Air-India accepting this venture.

Even though Air-India was left with very short time to organise men and material, as well as implementing workable procedures for the satisfaction of not only trade circles, but also of all governmental authorities, in addition to earning a sizeable revenue for the investment that was required to be invested for this project, we agreed to operate this challenging project as their Ground Handling Agents. Thus, the Cargo Complex became operational from May 4, 1977.

Within a period of eleven months from the date of operation, this division was able to handle successfully import and export cargo amounting to a total of 17,727 tons, duly earning a sizeable profit of about Rs. 65 lakhs by spending only about half of the sanctioned capital, which is no meagre achievement. Of course, all this could be accomplished as the Manager had luckily the right type of men to work under him and the necessary support and encouragement shown to him by the Management.

During this period of 11 months, the IAAI simultaneously constructed their second module exclusively for warehousing as well as clearing activities for import shipments and requested Air-India to take over the second module, with an extended period of lease for another four years, which was initially only for a period of two years. The second module exclusively meant for handling import cargo, was created by foreseeing the possibility for further growth, both in export and import trade in the coming years. The International Cargo Complex has a total examination and warehousing area of approximately 13,000 sq. mts. and further plans are ahead to create container/pallet making facilities for all carriers at the location in addition to bringing freighter aircrafts on the apron side of the Complex.



Mr P.S.S. Mani, Manager, Cargo Complex, initialling the receipt of the first consignment at the new module (Above). The celebration to mark the first anniversary of the complex.



Award for Suggestion



During rework of 747 steering bushing, it used to distort because of machining loads, resulting in several rejections. Mr B.S. Katkar has designed a fixture which has been tried out and has resulted in the saving of considerable man-hours.



The Annual Inter-Collegiate Speech Contest organised by the Air-India Toast Masters Club in association with the YMCA Students' TM Club was held recently at the Resham Bhavan Tea Centre in Bombay. Mr S.R. Shenai, Dy. DE (L) is seen presenting the Revolving Trophy to the winners of the contest. Mr M.N. Bhat, President of the YMCA TM Club is seen next to Mr Shenai. The winners of the contest were: Mr Nathan Andrews, Wilson College (1st Prize), Ms Bhavana Desai, Govt. Law College (2nd Prize) and Mr Ajay Zulka, M.V.L.V. College (Third Prize).



Mr I.D. Sethi performing the traditional lamp lighting ceremony during the opening of our new Jullundur office.

NEW CVSM



Mr S. Ramamurthi, I.P.S., has joined Air-India as Chief Vigilance & Security Manager in place of Mr G.B. Patwa who retired recently.

An M.A. from Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, he joined the I.P.S. in 1957 and after allocation to Maharashtra State, he served in various districts of Maharashtra, including Bombay City as Dy Commissioner of Police. He was promoted as Superintendent of Police in 1962 and as Dy Inspector General of Police in March, 1975. He was awarded the Indian Police medal for meritorious service in 1973. He was Dy Inspector General of Police, Aurangabad, Director of the anti-corruption & prohibition intelligence bureau, Bombay and Dy Inspector General of Police, Nasik Range, before he joined Air-India.

Mr Ramamurthi is a keen tennis player.



NEW JULLUNDUR OFFICE

With great eclat the new Jullundur office was recently inaugurated by Mr I.D. Sethi, Commercial Director. As the headquarters of the six offices in the Punjab, Jullundur plays a leading part in the high percentage of the overall India region revenue.

The function was attended by important dignitaries of the area who were welcomed by Mr R.B. Sharma, Sales Manager-Punjab. Mr Sethi paid a tribute to the excellent work being done by the travel agents in Punjab

and expressed the view that the new office would go a long way in improving both potential customer comfort and overall revenue.

Ms G. Claire and Ms Indu Mathur and many others worked hard in making the function a success. In the lamp-lighting ceremony performed by Mr Sethi, Mr Sharma is seen at extreme left. Also present at the function were Mr Ajit Singh and Mr Randhir Singh, the former just having handed over to the latter as Manager-Northern India.



S. K. NANDA

Mr S.K. Nanda, our Chief Personnel Manager, has been redesignated as Deputy Director of Personnel & Industrial Relations.

Letter from London

by Trevor Turner



Brian Mutton from our Cargo Department has for several years been collecting the rings from cans which contain beer, coco-cola, 7-up etc. He does this with a number of his colleagues from the airline world, Air-India, London Airport and privately and there is also a well-known English hostelry who assist in the collection of these rings. The reason for this is that this is the only part of the container that can be re-cycled for further use and it is possible therefore, with a large collection to obtain money in re-

turn, in this case this money is used for charitable purposes.

Brian Mutton has recently informed us that so far from this collection over the years, their organisation has been able to purchase seven guide dogs and a kidney machine. When one considers the cost involved, which is approximately £5,000 this certainly is a very excellent piece of charitable and good will work. Keep it up Brian and readers of the Magic Carpet are encouraged to collect these rings on his behalf.

G. P. EDEKAR

Mr G.P. Edekar, Flight Purser, who participated in the recent Air-India Golf Tournament is seen here receiving the Champion Golfer's Trophy (Open Tournament) from Ms

K. Dastur, wife of our former Dy Managing Director. Also in the same competition, Capt J.P. Singh was the winner in the Handicap Event and runner-up in the Open Tournament.

SPORT FOLIO



(L to R) Capt J. Singh, Capt C. Gupta and Capt R. Sharma.

Sports Round-up

In the month of April, Air-India's sportsmen witnessed hectic activities with their participation in the Inter-Offices Athletic Meet, Inter-Public Sector Athletic Meet, Zonal Athletic Meet, Joint IA/A-I Table Tennis Tournament, Cricket, Golf and Boxing matches.

The Inter-Offices Athletic Meet saw A. D'Souza come third and second—100 and 400 M respectively; R. Lopez, third—200 M; and I. Rodrigues, second—800 M. In the 4 x 100 M Relay, the A-I Team came first. Ms R. Mehta finished second—100 and 200 M respectively and 100 M Hurdles; Ms H. Machado, third—400M; Ms K. Shinghe, first in Javelin and Discus Throw and second in Shot Put. A-I Women's Team was adjudged third in the 4 x 100 M Relay.

In the Inter-Public Sector Athletic Meet, A.D.'Souza finished second—400 M; Ms R. Mehta, second—100 and 200 M and Long Jump; Ms G. Sareen, third and second—200 and 400 M respectively; Ms H. Machado, first—400 M; Ms K. Shinghe, second in Discus Throw and Shot Put and first in Javelin Throw; Ms C. Price, third—Discus Throw and Shot Put. In the 4 x 100 M Relay A-I Team was declared the winner.

At the Zonal Athletic Meet, A D'Souza was third—400 M; Ms R. Mehta, third—100 M; and Ms K. Shinghe, first in Javelin Throw and second in Discus Throw.

Air-India beat the Indian Airlines teams from Bombay and Calcutta in the Men's team championship of the joint Air-India/Indian Airlines Table-Tennis Tournament. In the similar event for women, we won all the matches. In the open events our Ms N.V. Gandhi and Ms R.M. Paranjape were runners-up in the Ladies Doubles event, while our P.K. Mathur and S.S. Amrute lost in the semi-finals of the Men's Doubles event.

Indian Test Cricket player, Mohinder Amarnath was a star performer with a sparkling 52 runs when he played for Air-India in a drawn cricket match in Kuwait with the local Unity Cricket

Club. Air-India scored 207 runs for 8 wickets and the hosts were 304 runs for 8 wickets.

Aggregating 224 points, the second string of Air-India won the prestigious Merchants' Cup inter-office team title at the Bombay Presidency Golf Club course. Air-India's B team was represented by Capt C.L. Gupta, R. Sharma and J.P. Singh who turned in cards of 75, 75 and 74 nett respectively. Air-India's C team (228) finished third among a big field of 34 teams. S.K. Datta (75), Narpal Singh (82) and Capt Sadarangani (71) were members of the team. The prize for the best nett went to Capt Sadarangani (71).

Tyrone Fernandes represented Air-India and won the Maharashtra State Boxing Championship in the Light Welterweight Classes. He also represented the State at the Nationals Championship held at Jamshedpur. Tyrone also won the Tata's State Boxing Tournament.

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Richard Perry, of our London Airport, suddenly decided to recapture the past. In 1958-1961 Richard was motor-cycling champion of India, and recently he decided to try his luck on the tracks again. He came third and all the London traffic staff sent their congratulations to him upon his return.



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG IDEA



Christabelle D'Mello.



Hari Iyer.

Air-India has announced Annual Sports Grants to the children of India-based employees. After reviewing their performance in 1976-77, a special sub-committee constituted by the Air-India Sports Control Board have selected six children for these grants.

They are Christabelle, daughter of Mr A.H. Fernandes of Inflight Service Department; Suresh, son of Mr E.A. Menon of Commercial Department, Madras; Sharon, daughter of Mr C.J. Misquitta of Engineering Department; Meera, daughter of Mr B.G. Wadekar of Engineering Department; Elric, son of Mr E. De Souza of Operations Department; and Christabelle, daughter of Mr C.A. D'Mello of Commercial Department.

In the current year the Young Idea dominated the Tennis scene where children of our employees with their brilliant performances made a clean sweep in the Bombay Inter School Tennis Championship.

Saish, son of Mr S.V. Karandikar of Engineering Department, won the Cruiser Trophy for boys under 16 years. Christabelle, daughter of Mr Austin, Fernandes of Inflight Service

Department, won the Trophy for girls under 18 years. Adil, son of Capt M. R. Mistry reached the semi-finals for boys under 18 years. Sanjay and Sameer, sons of Mr N.N. Mithal of Operations Department also participated and reached upto the semi-finals and finals in certain events. Asha, daughter of Mr B.P. Baliga of Engineering Department, was runner-up in three events for girls under 14 years. Sheila, daughter of Mr Om Sawhny, former Director of Engineering, participated in the school team which was the runner-up in Team Championship.

Another outstanding youngster is ten year old Hari Iyer, son of Mr S. Ramamurthi, I.P.S., Chief Vigilance and Security Manager. A student of Cathedral and John Cannon School, Bombay, Hari has won the Inter School Tennis Championship for age group under 10 and also individual championship titles for age group under 11 in swimming—one Greater Bombay Amateur Aquatic and another Maharashtra State Aquatic Championship. As a result he was selected to represent Maharashtra in the National Aquatic Meet held in Madras.

HATS OFF

The Air-India Bowling Team took part in the 1st international Ten Pin Bowling Tournament held in Mexico during May. Seventy-three teams attended the tournament from 28 different airlines worldwide. Air-India London Airport entered two teams and seen here are the members of the successful team with their trophies (left to right: Percy Unwalla of Inflight Service Department, Bombay; Fili Cooper, Vice-Captain; Raj Patel and Charles Vaney, Captain of the team, of Traffic, London Airport.) With Charles Vaney captaining the side our team were 2nd in the tournament which was hosted by Mexicana Airlines.





Mr B.J. Sukthankar, Secretary of the Corporation, retired on April 8, 1978. At a function held in the Air-India Building, Mr K.G. Appusamy, Managing Director, and Mr S. Narayanswamy, then Manager-Establishment, paid tributes to the devoted service of Mr Sukthankar. The photograph shows Mr Sukthankar with some of the staff of the Headquarters.



Mr B.W. Palkar, Dy Supplies Manager, London, for the last 25 years, retired after 23 years with Air-India. The photograph shows Mr Palkar with Mr P.C. Jacob (left), Administration Manager, UK.

FAREWELLS

Mr Vidya Dutt of Air-India's Delhi office was given a rousing farewell reception by the staff from the Capital. Mr Dutt leaves the Corporation after 34 years of service.

(Right) Mr A.P. Nepali of the Ground Support Division being presented a farewell memento by the staff of the Ramp Operations Section of G.S.D. Mr T.S. Shikalgar, Asstt Controller of the Section, is seen making the presentation to Mr Nepali. (Extreme right) Mr T.C. Verghese, Sr Aircraft Technician, retired after nearly 25 years with the Corporation. Dy Engineering Manager, Mr T.S. Srinivasan, is seen bidding farewell to Mr Verghese. (Below) Our Accountant, Mr V.S. Rangnekar, is seen here during a farewell function on his retirement from Air-India. Mr C.L. Sharma, our Director of Finance, made the farewell presentation.



Mr Norman Congdon retired after nearly 30 years of service with us in the UK. Mr Eric Pereira, our Regional Director, UK, is seen making a presentation to him on behalf of his many friends in London.



ILO Meet

In the February issue of Magic Carpet, a short write-up appeared on the Technical Meeting of the International Labour Organisation held in Geneva. Inadvertently, we omitted mentioning that the meeting was also attended by Mr K.B. Rao, President of IATA, as the only worker delegate representing civil aviation in India. Our apologies to Mr Rao. — Editor.



OBITUARIES

We regret to record the death of the following staff:-

1. Mr Y. Ebrahim, Manager-Dacca. Joined: October 15, 1956.
2. Mr V.D. Foujdar, Sr. Aircraft Technician. Joined: October 29, 1963.
3. Mr H.O. Gabdel, Inflight Supervisor. Joined: July 7, 1947.
4. Mr K. Kamnathan, Office Assistant. Joined: June 29, 1960.
5. Mr S.N. Shah, Traffic Assistant. Joined: April 28, 1977.
6. Mr K.N. Shalyan, Foreman: Ancillary Overhaul Division. Joined: April 14, 1947.
7. Mr L.N. Naidu, Chargehand, Engineering Department. Joined: May 31, 1955.

ACROSS:

2. Saint in male offspring powered by three engines.
7. Flying transport with ocean base.
8. Use these fans to move forward.
9. With No before it you cannot get inside.
10. A wind behind it will give you increased speed.

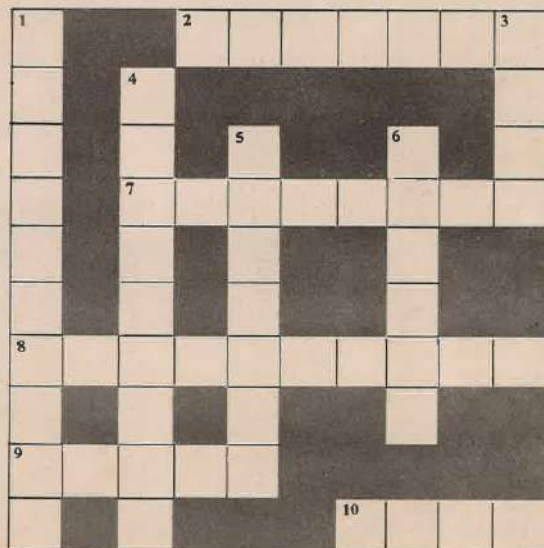
DOWN:

1. This whirlingig requires a pad to operate.
3. Would even a woman pilot powder it?
4. An express ocean liner would do it—the public must stand in a long line to get them.
5. Tab tyre to store power.
6. Use it to go up or down.

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CROSSWORD





Mr Giridhar Mandal (right) had specially prepared an exquisite embroidered portrait of the President of the United States. White House Staff Assistant London Kite in his letter to Mr Mandal informed him that his gift to the President would be placed in the National Archives.



Air-India's Ragamala and the Taj Mahal posters were given an All India Award for excellence in Advertising at a function held in Bombay by the Commercial Artists Guild, Advertising Club and the Radio Advertisers and Producers Association, Mr R.M. Kharat from our Art Studio received the award from Mr Vinod Sharma, President of RAPA.

PHOTO NEWS



Air-India's Maharashtra Mandal held its Annual Day Celebrations in Bombay. The highlight of the function was a Marathi play and rendering of Hindi and Marathi film songs. The photograph (inset) shows from left to right Mr Ramesh Pawar, Mr Narasinha B. Patil and Shahr Dada Kondke, who was the Chief Guest.



At a recent function, our Delhi staff bade farewell to Mr Ajit Singh, who has now come to Bombay as Commercial Manager-Reservations Procedures and welcomed Mr Randhir Singh as Manager-Northern India.

The Centaur Hotel of Air-India and the International Casino Management held a highly successful 'Food Festival' in Nairobi which was inaugurated by the Indian High Commissioner, Mr A.N.D. Haksar.

