

**AIR-INDIA**

# Magic Carpet

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**THE** Minister for Tourism & Civil Aviation Mr P.L. Kaushik last month visited the Air-India's Engineering Facilities at Santa Cruz. He was taken around the base by Air-India's Managing Director Mr K.K. Unni and Dy. Managing Director Mr K.G. Appusamy. On his arrival at the base, Mr Om Sawhny, Director of Engineering, welcomed the Minister and explained Air-India's Maintenance Facilities.

Earlier, the International Cargo Complex at Bombay Airport was inaugurated by the Union Commerce Minister Mr Mohan Dharia at Bombay Airport. Mr P.L. Kaushik presided over the function.

Mr Dharia said the volume of air freight is increasing the world over. More

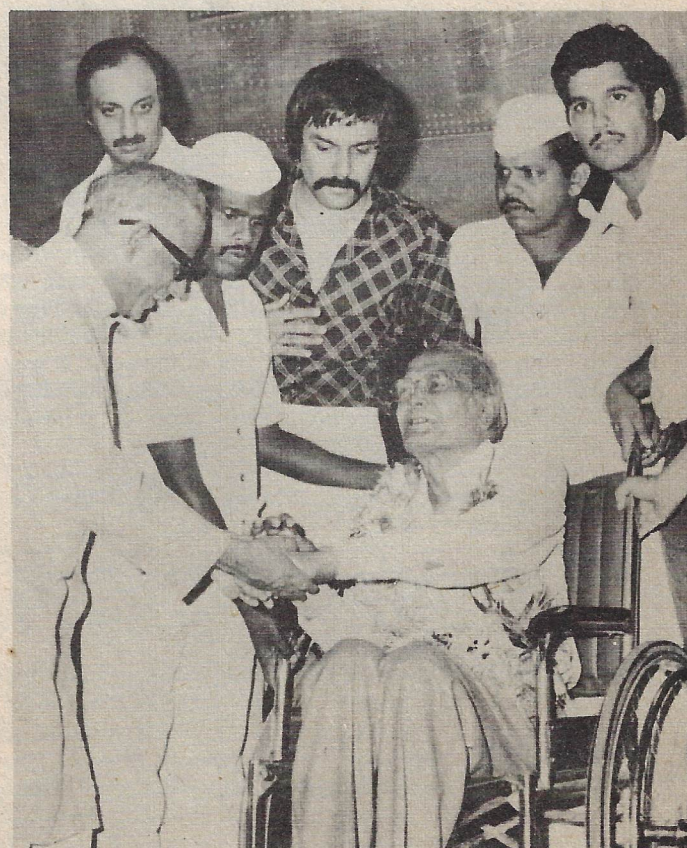
than 16% of the total value of the country's exports are at present moving by air and the potential for further development of air-borne trade was large.

The Minister lauded Air-India for its significant role in developing exports and was confident that the national airline would meet the increasing space requirements through augmentation of cargo lifting capacity in scheduled services and by also increasing freighter service operations.

Mr Kaushik said that being the premier airport with impressive traffic growth rate, Bombay has a need for better cargo facilities. He said the international cargo complex would not only process export cargo but also import and tranship cargo.



We are proud to announce that the MAGIC CARPET won the second prize in the Best Overseas publication category in a contest organised by the American Airline Editors' Forum at Minneapolis, last month. British Airways won the first prize.



MR JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN arrived in Bombay from London last month on our service after undergoing a successful graft operation in Seattle. At the airport, he was received by the Maharashtra Governor Mr Sadiq Ali (photograph shows him greeting Mr Narayan on arrival), Chief Minister Mr Vasantrao Patil and the Mayor Mr Murli Deora. Others present at the airport to greet and facilitate Mr Narayan were Mr N.H. Dastur, Dy Managing Director (Commercial), Mr Ravi Misra, Airport Manager and Capt J. R. Martin, Public Relations Manager.



# RANDOM JOTTINGS

By Meandering Mind

THE nine-year-old boy was in a tantrum, had locked himself in the toilet and refused to come out despite all the pleadings of his tearful mother. The hostess was about to open the door from the outside (yes, I know how it's done!) when I suggested a method which would still keep the young man's dignity intact. I called out loudly to the recalcitrant lad: Come on, *little girl*, would you like us to break open the door?

The latch clicked and head held high the boy manfully strode out.

We took off from Heathrow. He sat in the window seat next to me, a typical young British business executive—debonair, well-cut suit, typically conservative. Waiting to be introduced. So while he sipped his orange juice and twirled the ice in his glass, I broke the ice and introduced myself. He was a shipping agent who handled, among others, Ravi Tikkoo. And I told him I used to know Ravi Tikkoo 23 years ago when we were both serving afloat and used to go ashore in Bombay to date mutual young lady friends from the YWCA. He was frankly sceptical until I convinced him in my normal convincing manner. The great shipping tycoon and this insignificant airline guy next to him used to go out on double-dates—fancy that! What a story for the boys back in the office! His conservatism melted and he turned out to be a really friendly sort by the time we were halfway across the Atlantic.

Over JFK, bad weather. We were right on top of the stack, going around in large circles until the fuel situation became critical and we were diverted to Philadelphia. And a pugnacious old man came up to fight with the Commander because he lived just five miles away and he didn't want to go back to New York to come back to Philadelphia and he had missed his New York-Philadelphia connection anyway and he and his wife had been travelling for over 36 hours all the way from Sri Lanka and his baggage could follow and dammit he just wanted to get home because his house was just five miles away from where our Air-India 747 was parked. No use explaining to him that the local airport authorities were not permitting anyone, but anyone, to disembark. He wanted to get home, his wife was tired and etc etc.

So I took the doughty old man up to the lounge and asked him to join me in a drink. And he said yes but my wife is alone down back. So I brought the old lady up and the inflight supervisor said sorry the bar had been sealed two hours ago over JFK and there were no spare seals. So I pulled out my own precious duty-free bottle of Glenfiddich and by the time we had attacked it a few times, the old man swore that Air-India was the best airline in the world, goddammit, and his house may be only five miles away but he would not get off this plane even if the airport authorities at Philadelphia were to commandeer wild horses to drag him off it, goddammit. And I looked ruefully at my woe-folly-depleted Glenfiddich and hoped he would say the same thing next morning when the haze cleared, goddammit.

Across the Indian Ocean there was this young mother alongside me complete with carrycot, jingling toys and tiny tot who only understood special baby talk: Who loves mumsee my liddle bumsee? Shall I give some nice kumkum to my darling liddle bunkum? I volunteered in a moment of weakness to kuddle the kute kid only to have the liddle sod promptly dilute my whiskey with unwanted sod-a. And in the middle of the night when all was quiet and the lights were dimmed, I was rudely awakened by the young mother trying to stick the feeding bottle into my left ear. UNM stands for under-nourished monster, I thought. And when he started yelling loud enough to drown out the drone of the engines, I made a mental note to recommend to the Commercial Department that infants should be charged at least the Concorde fare—for causing discord.

And there was this special envoy to a certain head of state from a South American country who lectured me all the way from Nairobi on how my country should be run. And I hung my head in shame and promised to do better. And when we landed at Bombay he was handed a telegram which said that there had been a coup in his country and he should with immediate effect consider himself under arrest. And he wept. And I consoled him.

I could go on like this ad infinitum, as I dare say you, dear reader, also could. Like the old German lady who woke me up in a panic before we landed at Tehran to say the engine was on fire (it was the port wing landing light flashing red), the Australian farmer who drank up all, yes *all*, the beer on board and then like Oliver asked for more, the voluptuous Indian film starlet (this was on a late Indian Airlines Delhi-Bombay flight) who requested me to drop her home since it was almost midnight and her husband was away, the 94-year-old English earl who anxiously enquired if he could have some baby food as he had forgotten his teeth home in Godalming, Surrey.

I read a book the other day entitled: My Family and Other Animals. I am also writing a book. It is called People I Have Flown With or Odd Sods, Bods, Clods and Doddering Old Lords.

## Medical Benefits for Staff Families

ON the recommendation of the Labour Relations Committee, the Management has decided to introduce on an experimental basis for a year, a Contributory Medical Benefits Scheme for the families of Air-India employees covered under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme. This Scheme will help cover hospitalisation and maternity benefits for family members of the insured employees. This will be done in arrangement with the Oriental Fire & General Insurance Co. Ltd. For those employees earning a monthly salary of Rs.749/-, the contribution will be Re. 1/- and those with a salary between Rs.750/- and Rs.1000/- will pay Rs.2/-. Besides the monthly contribution, the staff covered under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme, who opt to be covered under the proposed scheme, will continue to pay the monthly contribution under the State Insurance Scheme. A clause in the Scheme states that benefits in respect of maternity will not be admissible to the extent eligible or covered under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme.

## LRC Reviews

# Delhi Staff Problems

THE fifth meeting of the Labour Relations Committee was held early last month at New Delhi, under the Chairmanship of Mr. P.V. Gole, Director of Personnel & Industrial Relations. At the outset the problems of Delhi station were discussed, most of them solved at a Communication meeting held a few days earlier with the employees at Palam airport.

The points which came up for discussion at the LRC were water supply in the Engineering hangar, staff transport, installation of desert coolers, civil engineering repairs to the hangar and provision for indoor games, quality of cloth for staff uniforms, delay in payment of salary to newly appointed staff and the need for additional extinguishers in the hangar at Delhi airport.

Brig. M.P. Joseph, Controller of Civil Works & Properties advised the members that it would be difficult to arrange for filtration of water supply at the Engineering hangar, but said that he would arrange for immediate installation of a plant to ensure that there were no health hazards. In regard to staff transport, some complaints were received that buses were being used by unauthorised persons. The employees suggested that extra buses be provided to avoid over-crowding and that the driver and cleaner check the identity cards of passengers to eliminate unauthorised boarders. Mr. D.P. Nimkar, Controller-Ground Handling stated that his department had recently taken over staff transport at Delhi and assured the members that he would streamline any problems that may arise, and bear in mind the points raised by the employees and the LRC members.

## Coolers

There were complaints that the desert coolers were not functioning. Some suggestions were made that the Corporation may buy the coolers. Mr. Gole stated that to buy these coolers, which were required only for four months in a year, would create considerable problems of storage, maintenance and safe custody. He, therefore, advised members that it was always preferable to hire them. Mr. G.K. Kapoor, Dy. Manager-Northern India stated that in fact this was the practice and the coolers would be hired from April through October. He also assured that the coolers were installed properly. In regard to complaint about facilities in the hangar, Brig. Joseph assured the committee that the repairs to the roof would be attended to as also the geyser in the wash room and the water cooler in the restaurant.

Mr. S.M. Puri, Personnel Officer informed members that facilities for some indoor games would be provided for staff at Palam. A suggestion was made for providing an independent rest room for women employees but after discussion, it was considered that in view of the small number of women employees there was no need to provide separate rest room facilities at Palam airport.

## Canteen Facilities

Mr. Sapat explained in detail the steps taken by Management to improve the Engineering Canteen facilities at Palam. He stated that steps were being taken to improve the layout and provide more equipment. He explained the proposal of forming a co-operative society for running the Canteen and as a preliminary step, a Canteen Managing Committee headed by Mr. A. Kaul, had been formed.

Mr. V.M. Fernandes, brought up a suggestion that the Air-India colony in Delhi should be separated from the Indian Airlines colony and maintenance be taken over by CCWP. Mr. Nathulal complained that the water supply in the colony was very limited. Brig. Joseph explained the difficulties in regard to the water supply and assured that the matter was being pursued with the Delhi Municipal Corporation. In regard to taking over of the Maintenance, he said that the matter was under examination. Mr. Hegiste and Mr. Nathulal averred that the dispensary at Palam should be kept open round the clock. After discussion, it was decided that while it would be necessary to have the dispensary open round the clock, it would not be feasible to have a doctor for all the three shifts. Mr. G.K. Kapoor explained that arrangements had been made to provide an additional pharmacist.

## Holiday Homes

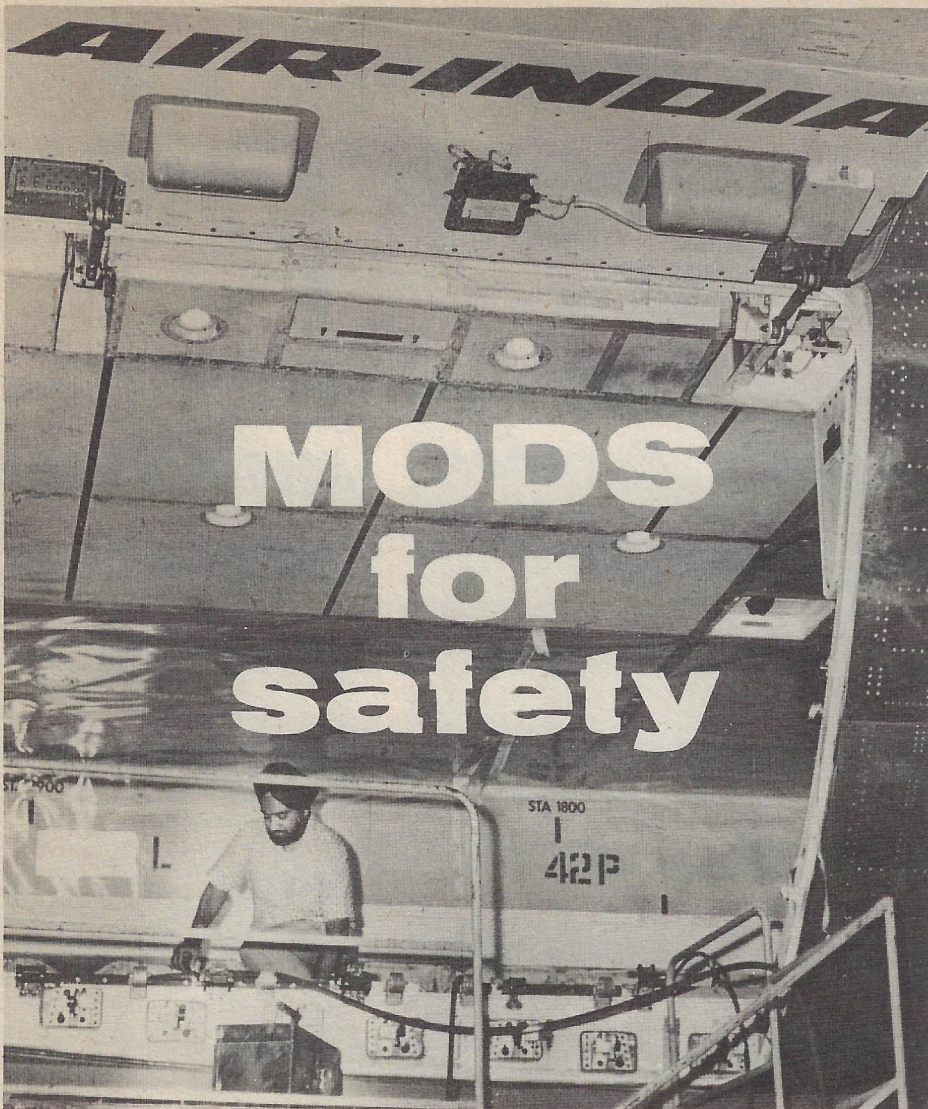
The Delhi staff represented that it was beyond the reach of staff to take advantage of the Holiday Home at Srinagar, in view of the distance and the expenses involved. They requested that Holiday Homes at places nearer Delhi like Dehra Dun and Mussoorie be opened. Mr. Kapoor said that a Survey Committee had been constituted to locate a suitable place and they would be submitting recommendations to Headquarters shortly.

The other subjects discussed at the LRC were lack of ventilation in the Ground Support Stores at Bombay, facilities of telephone connection at the homes of elected members, facilities for taking photographs at farewell functions and proposals in regard to the presentation of gifts to staff after completion of 20 years, 25 years and 30 years of service.

In regard to ventilation in the Ground Support Stores, Mr. Nimkar explained that an exhaust fan would be fixed shortly. For telephone connections, the members requested that their applications to Bombay Telephones be recommended by the Management as they functioned as social workers. Mr. S.K. Nanda, CPM said that such a classification may not be accepted by Bombay Telephones for LRC members. However, it was decided that applications from the elected members would be put up to Bombay Telephones with recommendations. During the discussion on the proposal for Management paying for photographs taken at farewell functions of retiring staff, the departmental heads indicated that they were presently paying for the services of the Air-India official photographer, and the Chairman assured those present that the services of the photographer would be made available as and when required. In regard to the proposal from the elected members for the presentation of a wrist watch to staff on completion of 20 years of service, Mr. Gole stated that 25 years was an appropriate length of service for such a presentation. He, however, agreed with the general opinion expressed that the watches to be given on completion of 25 years of service should be of a better quality. He added that the Management was considering a proposal of giving another token gift to staff on completion of 30 years of service.

The Chairman and the Secretary, thanked Manager-Northern India, Dy. Manager and the Air-India staff at Delhi for the assistance given to the LRC members in making the visit purposeful and significant.





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At the same time in terms of labour effort, Air-India's Maintenance Department has planned to put in 16,000 extra manhours this year on floor venting the five aircraft. Modifications have already been carried out on the floor panels. This has involved cutting various vent size openings in the floor boards at 10 locations near the doors and the staircase panel and attaching a grill below the first step of the staircase that leads to the Lounge. In the areas near the first main entry door and the staircase, the floor beam has been strengthened and reinforced, while the space below the windows in level with the main deck floor, are replaced with trusses and the existing dado panels by vent-type air grills at 62 locations on the aircraft. The most important modification, however, is in the forward and aft cargo area, where side linings are installed on panels and the bulkhead strengthened.

Recently, to familiarise all airlines with the floor venting modifications, the Boeing Company invited representatives of different airlines to Seattle. Mr. H.C. Kapoor, Dy. Engineering Manager, Component Overhaul Division, and Mr. Y.S. Gopinath Rao, Senior Engineer, Technical Services, represented Air-India at this meeting. While on-the-job, Mr. Kapoor commented on the modifications in progress, "Due to simplicity of design, the modifications too are simple and straightforward. We do not anticipate any problems, since no structural design changes are involved. We have planned progressive compliance of modification, and in order to keep the schedule, we have broken up the kits into smaller work packages."

Each day work progresses at a tremendous pace. To keep the programme under schedule, weekly meetings are held between the engineers in the Component Overall Division and the Production Planning Division, under the chairmanship of Mr. J.D. Billimoria, Engineering Manager (Maintenance). This is essential, since all the aircraft have to be fully utilised, at the same time modifications carried out when the aircraft comes into the hangar for maintenance.

Naosherwan Nalavala

This FAA decision was taken after a consultative conference was held in the autumn of 1974 to discuss the questions of floor strength and venting, and it was agreed by airline officials present at the conference that it would be simpler and cheaper to increase the venting between the upper and lower compartments than to rebuild a new floor.

This decision was taken following an event that shook the entire fabric of the aviation industry. On March 3, 1974 a wide-bodied jet crashed 12 minutes out of Paris when an 18 sq ft cargo door opened at 13,000 ft. When the door came off, the pressurised air within the plane exploded through the opening, and the violent rush of air hurled six passengers, still strapped in their seats, out of the hold; crushed the cabin floor and that, in turn, crushed the plane's hydraulic steering apparatus—leaving the aircraft helpless.

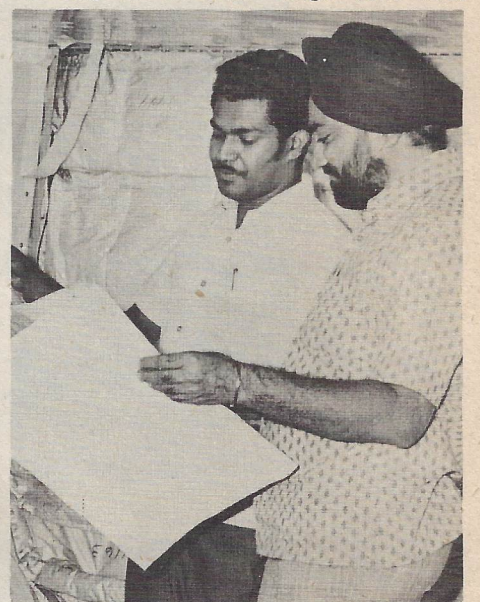
While it was generally believed that it was loss of the cargo door which led to the crash, what actually happened was that the cabin floor collapsed under the sudden load imposed when the cargo hold depressurised beneath the passenger compartment. When the control lines which were routed through the floor were severed, the aircraft became uncontrollable.

In order to speedily comply and abide by the December 31, 1977 deadline, Air-India has ordered from the Boeing Company, modification kits worth \$ 632,500 for Air-India's present fleet of five Boeing 747 aircraft.

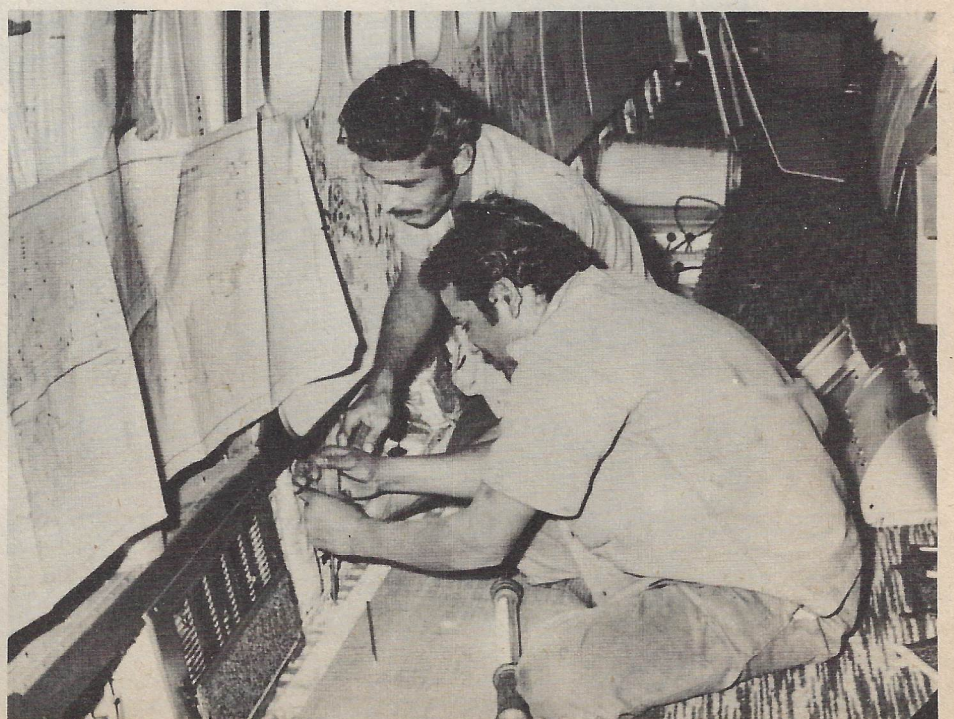
H.P. Shetty carrying out reinforcement of floor beam.



A.S. Rana and Pillai discussing the drawing of the rear cargo vent mod.



Below: D.K. Raikar (Inspector) shows the drawing while S.S. Syed works on the floor beam reinforcement. Below Right: D'lima working on the side vent mod.





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NEWS AND VIEWS

**Joy Ride For Travel Agents' Staff**

A **WEDNESDAY** afternoon of cheerful thrills and excitement was on hand for the "Joy of India" staff in Bombay.

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**Madras Is Cleared For Staff Travel**

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**Where Is Yours?**

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**No Time For Siesta**

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1957

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**NOW WE GO TO MOSCOW**

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**AIR-INDIA COMPLETES 10 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS**

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**New York Welcomes Air-India Jets**

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**Rhino Flies To Washington**

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1960

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**SKYSCRAPER FOR AIR-INDIA**

**Work Begins On Site**

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**Brussels, Teheran become Online**

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**FORTIETH MILESTONE**

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1972

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**Push-button age comes to Geneva reservations**

Air India has introduced a new push-button reservation system in Geneva.

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**Courageous employee averts catastrophe**

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# Tata Among World's 100 Great

**OUR CHAIRMAN.** Mr. J. R. D. Tata. Figures among the 100 MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE WORLD "who for good or for ill pack the most clout". The call of honour was published in the April 1970 issue of *ESQUIRE*. The reference to the Chairman includes a photograph and the following caption: "J. R. D. Tata: India's foremost businessman; involved in steel, heavy chemicals, hydro-electric power, industrial statecraftsmanship. The only alive Indian from this sub-continent included amongst the 100 most important people in the world is Mrs. Indira Gandhi. (responsible for the daily life and well-being of 525,000,000 people.) Prime Minister or ruler."

Mr. Donald Robinson, well-known American author, has put in four years of research, travelled more than half-a-million miles, and interviewed hundreds of experts in every field of human endeavour.

Mr. Tata has been ranked with such celebrated personalities as Hermann Abo, late chairman of German banking, Leonid I. Brezhnev, General Secretary, Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S. S. R.; General Charles de Gaulle, London Baines Johnson, former President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, Pope Paul VI, spiritual leader of 600 million Roman Catholics, David Rockefeller, head of the Chase Manhattan Bank, Marshal Tito, President of Yugoslavia, U Thant, Secretary General of the United Nations, and Harold Wilson,

1970

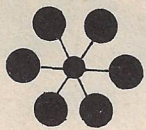
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# VERSE OR WORSE !...

## INDIA WELCOMES YOU



Come, INDIA is awaiting,  
Dear Tourists and Friends,  
To you, from brotherly Indian People,  
To see and know INDIA, to it's very best.

Come One Come All,  
With your family and friends,  
To see our great INDIA,  
our beautiful INDIA,  
A land of spiritual heritage,  
love and happiness,  
A country of ancient culture and tradition,  
To be truly assured of warmly affection  
and friendly feelings,  
And to make you feel at home and ease.

Fly our national carrier, AIR-INDIA,  
A carrier of international Fame and Repute,  
To make your visit of truly Indian style,  
Long to be remembered,  
thought of and spoken  
As a truly enlightened and  
memorable sojourn.

Dinesh V. Shanbhag  
Accounts

## On First Flying

With roaring props the insatiable man  
Against nature waged a war;  
The heaven above to man denied  
To conquer was his aim.

Nature said "No! This land and seas  
To-day you have already seized,  
Content, if you are not still  
Know that pride goes ere a fall".

The haughty man impatient grew  
With brakes released the throttles moved,  
And as though to kick Nature frail  
The zooming machine lifted its tail.

The worldly objects in horror shrank  
The vanquished Nature silent kept,  
The mighty man with a sheepish smile  
Rose to the widening world of skies.

Higher and higher he roared in pride,  
To Nature but no end could be found;  
The land and seas though shivered beyond,  
The clouds below in contempt grinned.

The stupid man his limits known  
Sped to the nearest free-land soon,  
Like arms extended saint in temple  
Circled about with gears down.

The lowered flaps in remorse wept,  
The landing aircraft lost its height,  
The foolish man's plane did gently kiss  
The lively earth with landing gears.

A.K. Basu  
Engg. Trg. Divn.

## ODE TO A HOSTESS

One day whilst from the classroom watched I,  
The most beautiful maiden walk by,  
Blows were raised as to her origin,  
And someone asked what was her mission,  
In our deep fair damsels we have seen,  
Gorgeously appparelled; feet so clean,  
With confident air to brace the test  
For the hostesses' post, all girls contest.  
From far and foreign lands they hail  
Discontented later in their mail,  
Reading news of not being selected  
"Dear we hope you're not dejected".  
The few that pass are of the highest class,  
Served and re-served from the common mass;  
But to me seemed she a sure winner  
None better had been born to skin her,  
As Homer once said without any fear,  
'Tender are her feet, she comes not near'  
But walks upon the heads of men  
Hadn't I seen ladies from the land of yen?  
Luscious lovelies flying in from the West  
Oft times I had considered the best  
What was then this mysterious force,  
To heave my breast, to sigh with remorse?  
Too well I knew the part I had played  
My anchor in another heart was stayed  
And yet frightfully did it pound  
Severing it from every tie that bound.

Malcolm Goode, Inflight Service

## Maharajah's Song

It all began when the Puss Moth flew,  
With the skyline clear and shining blue;  
As for me I was then unknown,  
Because I was not even born.

First I kept the propeller types,  
Now I use the best of all types;  
Whatever the type, I offer the best,  
For you, for him and all the rest.

Then I flew the seven-naught-seven,  
Took you almost upto the heaven;  
Now I fly the seven-four-seven,  
And take you closer to the sun,

Regardless of caste I take all load,  
For take-off I need a really big road;  
Without any grumble I carry all cargo,  
And on time reach wherever you go.

I treat all alike, respecting all creed,  
And charge my fares without any greed;  
For my age they call me Maharajah,  
But I am youthful, still as Yuvrajah.

T. Vijay Kumar, Inflight Service

I grew to heights,  
when I was five,  
I was travelling Air-India.

When I entered the huge step doors,  
I was welcomed by a hostess at the door.

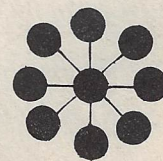
She was wearing a curved semi-smile,  
And was often seen walking up the aisle.

I had my breakfast and lunch too,  
Served by the hostess who was merry too.

I was sad to leave my palace of the sky  
But I had reached my destination.

During my school vacation,  
With my joys rising pretty high.

## TRAVELLING AIR-INDIA



Ravi Raghavan, 11 years  
Son of K.P. Veeraraghavan  
Personnel

## Simple Answer

Scientific Management, that is the slogan,  
In Air-India too we hear it often.

Do your best, give your best,  
Out of your volition, not at others' behest.

Let us then know what this means,  
How it started and where it leads.

Frederick Taylor of United States,  
Started it in a Mill in Midvailes.

Then came Galbraith and his wife,  
They did a lot when few could strive.

CPM, Pert, Value Analysis,  
North America was its genesis.

A common man asks in despair,  
What is this science, so much in the air?

The answer is simple, nothing lost,  
To maximise profit at minimum cost.

N.V. Rao  
Accounts

## Across the Desk

The storm  
Of difficulties  
Lashed at her,  
Which, she faced  
With folded arms  
As only she could;  
Like a rock  
Facing  
The roar  
Of mighty waves  
Of a violent sea,  
And triumphed;  
Towering over  
The sea of her life  
Now calm,  
But calmer still,  
Her face,  
Portraying  
A serene smile.

Lakshman Ramesh  
Mail Section

## Cricket in Verse

They call it the game of Cricket  
In which the stock word is 'wicket'

We hear of slips, gully, silly  
Often on the air, willy-nilly

And words that rates a horse laugh  
Like short-fine-leg, midon, midoff

Cover, extra cover, point, bye, leg-bye  
And pads to protect the legs thigh-high

From the lethal impact of a springing ball  
Thrown with force by the ilk of Hall

In this eventful sport of the empire  
The deciding authority is the umpire

However impartial his judgement,  
he's not free from terror  
Of misguided missiles in case of error

Even before the bowler paces  
the pitch to bowl  
The cheering enthusiasts are ready  
with a howl

In anticipation of a fall or rise in the score  
By a batsman's dismissal, or his knock of four

A bowler may manoeuvre his ball to bump  
In his zeal to uproot a batsman's stump

But a clever batsman will easily outwit  
By punishing the ball with a 'sixer' hit

If, however, he leaps forward and fails  
The wicketkeeper promptly whips the bails

Cricket is supposed to be a game of chance  
A player's fortunes may recede or advance

It is all a matter of gambler's luck  
Whether one scores a century or duck

A captain may successively win the toss  
He, nevertheless, cannot stall the loss

Of many a test match  
As even a dropped catch

May sometimes turn the tide  
In favour of the rival side

The losing of a test match or its winning  
Is judged by the trend of the 2nd inning

Sometimes only a last-minute miracle  
Can save a team from serious debacle

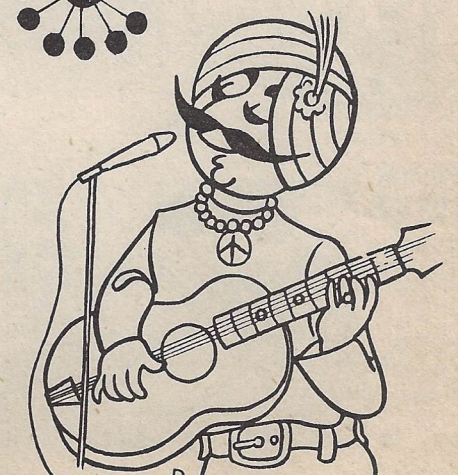
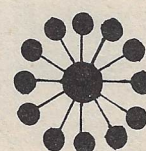
It may be a thrill to watch  
A bowler of class, topnotch

Sending down a googly, spinner or off-break  
The radio commentary is a real headache

The test matches are played for the  
retention of Ashes  
According to the magnitude of gatecrashes.

S.K. Rao  
Mail Section

# ...HERE THEY ARE!







## Sportsmen Honoured

**A**T a grand function organised by the Sports Control Board at Santa Cruz, Bombay, last month, Mrs Unni, wife of Air-India's Managing Director Mr K.K. Unni, distributed prizes and mementos to outstanding sportsmen.

At the outset, Mr. D.P. Nimkar, the Chairman of the Board, gave a resume of the year's sports activities. He said that while Air-India had not done too well in cricket, our teams had fared well in hockey and football. In badminton, table tennis and volleyball too Air-India teams had been active participants, but it was in athletics that Air Hostess Shinghe established a new record in javelin throw. He said that the Board gave sports grants to four children of staff who had excelled themselves in tennis,



Mr Unni congratulating Mr Jadresin Joseph from our Paris office.

swimming and athletics. Mr Nimkar's speech was followed by prize distribution, with Mr V.M. Bhagwat, Secretary, announcing the names.

Later addressing the audience, Mr Unni said that winning laurels in the field of sport brought credit and lustre to Air-India. He said that he was happy to see the wide array of trophies and shields (Photo above) won by Air-India's sportsmen. "Just as we spend money in training engineers and pilots, we must invest on sports activities as well," he added. Making several announcements, to the accompaniment of applause from the audience, Mr Unni said that he had given permission to the Board to appoint experienced coaches for different games to help improve the performance standard of players. He also sanctioned the setting up of dressing rooms with showers, at the first Air-India staff colony ground, simultaneously giving the green signal for blazers for all Air-India sportsmen as well as acquisition of new equipment.

Mr Unni said that Air-India had always followed a policy of recruiting distinguished sportsmen and he gave the instance of Vijay Manjrekar who, he said, had brought honour to Air-India.

The names of players who represented Air-India in various games during the year 1976-77 are: D. Rodrigues, football, hockey, athletics; G. Franco, football, athletics; G.M. Mayekar, football; A.D. Abreo, football; F.V. D'Sousa, football, hockey, athletics; T. Patterson, hockey, athletics; A. Fernandes, hockey; A. Castellino, hockey; K. Fernandes, hockey; D. Drego, hockey, football; S. Iyer, badminton; V.P. Koli, cricket; N.P. Shirodkar, cricket; J.S. Masurekar, cricket; S.N. Dikshit, bridge; S.S. Kotian, bridge; M.N. Bhat Sanurkar, bridge; K.S. Vaidya, bridge; K.S. Ghevade, bridge; M.R. Nadkarni, volleyball; T. Fernandes, athletics; A.K. Pevekar, table tennis;

K.S. Jasuja, table tennis; R.K. Mishra, golf; R.K. Narpatsingh, golf; J.L. Kalia, tennis; K.A. Shivdasani, tennis; P.T. Jacob, football, volleyball; H. Desai, table tennis; V.V. Kadam, table tennis; T.D'Mello, hockey, athletics, football; N. Vaz, hockey; A.D'Costa, hockey; S. Kurup, athletics; L. Boyer, athletics; K. Shinghe, athletics; B.D'Souza, athletics; A. Koli, cricket; A.D. Thankar, cricket; P.S. Iyengar, cricket; S.P. Edekar, golf; D.N. Correa, tennis; J.M. D'Souza, tennis; A. Joseph, football, V. Mody, badminton; T. Moraes, football; L. Simoes, hockey, football, athletics, volleyball; R.H. Salian, football; P. Noronha, hockey; T. Malkani, badminton; M. Fernandes, athletics; Vijay Manjrekar, cricket; R.D. Manjrekar, cricket; S.B. Athwal, table tennis; V.B. Revandkar, carrom; V.Y. Wagh, C.D. Shetty, football; K.P. Giri, football, J. Fernandes, hockey; V.M. Thakur, volleyball; A.B. Isnagar, cricket; B.M. Macchigar, kabaddi; S.D. Shinde, kabaddi; S. Nagvekar, kabaddi; D.T. Koli, kabaddi; D. Bhatkar, football; G.S. Nair, football, athletics; S.N. Satam, football; T.N.D. Pillai, badminton; A.P. Roy, badminton; A.Y. Jawdekar, badminton; N.C. Abrol, badminton; J.V. Gupte, badminton; P.G. Salvi, volleyball; S.K. Phadnis, volleyball, athletics; R.F. Chothia, volleyball; K.T. Powar, volleyball, carrom; Rizvi, volleyball; M.B. Rege, athletics; Arvindaksha, athletics; R.M. Koli, cricket; V.G. Mordekar, cricket; K.M. Malegaonkar, cricket; Shetye, cricket; L.V. Nulkar, bridge; D.G. Redkar, bridge; P.K. Mathur, table tennis; R.D. More, kabaddi; M.S. Bansode, kabaddi; G.P. Kadam, carrom; D.R. Suryavanshi, carrom; A.D. Worlikar, carrom; B.P. Baliga, tennis; H.R. Shetty, tennis; B.K. Pawar, kabaddi; G. Kadam, table tennis; R. Lopes, football, athletics; A.V. Monteiro, hockey; X. Gracias, hockey; R.S. Ranade, badminton; G. Lobo, athletics; G. Miranda, athletics; S.D. Ahire, kabaddi; S.V. Mohite, kabaddi; A.A. Pednekar, carrom; D.S. Andrade, tennis; R.J. Kanal, tennis; P. Saldhana, hockey, volleyball; S.S. Laxmeshwar, volleyball, P.N. Karmarkar, cricket; G.K. Patel, cricket; V.M. Patankar, bridge; A.W. Joshi, bridge; A.K. Karnik, bridge; J.D. Amdekar, bridge; S.D. Kulkarni, bridge, kabaddi; V.B. Jog, table tennis; R.G. Patil, volleyball; Capt D. Bose, golf; Capt C.R.S. Rao, golf; Capt R. Sharma, golf; Capt S.S.N. Razdan, golf; Capt C.L. Gupte, golf; S.K. Dutta, golf; Capt R.K. Suri, golf; Capt B.K. Kapoor, golf; Jaswant Singh, tennis; Capt A.K. Godbole, tennis; Capt R.K. Karve, tennis; Capt S.S. Rajan, tennis; E. Rodrigues, hockey; N.V. Lade, kabaddi; J. Marsh, athletics; V. Kaul, cricket; Chacko, cricket; C. Witke, cricket; N. Patel, cricket; R. Chandran, cricket; Jadresin Joseph, football; and A.R. Suvarna, badminton.

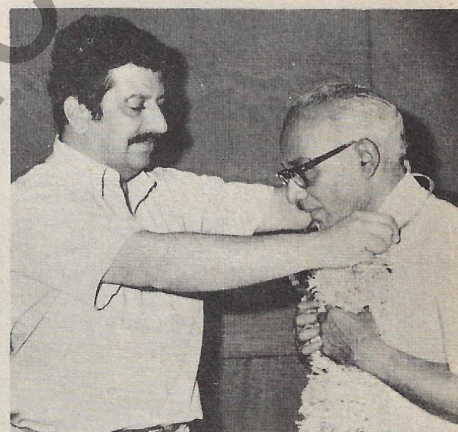
Ms Tara Malkani welcomes Ms Unni to the Awards function.



## FAREWELLS



Mr. K.G. Appusamy, Dy. Managing Director (second from left) and Mr. Om Sawhny, Director of Engineering (third from right) were present at the Executive Club, Bombay, recently to bid farewell to four Senior Executive Engineers. Photograph shows Mr. A.T. Banerjee, Asst. Engineering Manager-Maintenance Division who joined Air-India on May 11, 1948; Mr. T.R.S. Mani, Asst. Engineering Manager, Piston Engine Overhaul Division who joined the Corporation on April 10, 1946; Ms. A.R. Foujdar and Mr. A.R. Foujdar, Asst. Engineering Manager, Power Plant Overhaul Division who joined the Corporation on May 20, 1946 and Mr. B.R. Pai, Asst. Engineering Manager, Material Planning Division who joined Air-India on March 18, 1948.



(above) Mr. J.D. Billimoria, Engineering Manager (Maintenance) garlanding Mr. B.M. Dhurandhar who retired recently from the services of the Corporation as the Technical Officer, Cabin Maintenance Section. He joined the Organisation on March 3, 1941.

(below) Mr. T.V. Valaidhan, Chargehand in the Components Overhaul Division retired recently from the Services of the Corporation. He joined Air-India on December 15, 1943.

**A**FTER 23 years of service, Mr. R.P. Karmarkar, Manager-Administration in Air-India, Headquarters retired. The Managing Director, Mr. K.K. Unni, Dy. Managing Director, Mr. K.G. Appusamy and other departmental heads were present to bid Mr Karmarkar good-bye. Mr B.J. Sukthankar, Secretary, stated that Mr. Karmarkar had been a landmark in the Head Office, a good colleague and a helpful friend.

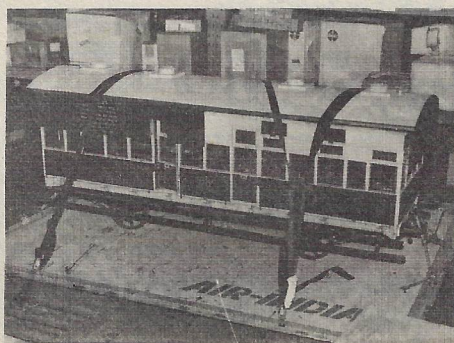
While bidding farewell, Mr. Unni stated that Mr. Karmarkar who worked with him since nationalisation showed a tremendous sense of understanding during those difficult days.

Mr. Karmarkar in reply to the warm words of appreciation from the M.D. and his colleagues thanked the entire Head Office staff for their unstinted co-operation during his years of service.

As a farewell gift, the Head Office staff presented both Mr. and Ms. Karmarkar with a Table Fan.



## AIR-INDIA QUIZ

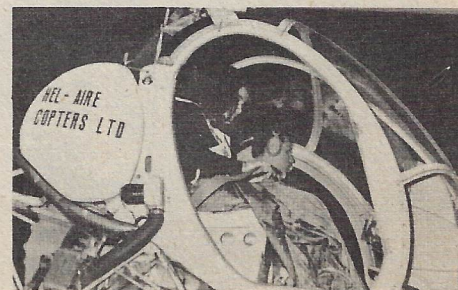


### Questions to June Quiz

1. The railway coach in the picture got considerable publicity sometime back, could the readers tell us why?
2. When was this coach built?
3. Where was this coach photographed and on what date?

### Answers to May Quiz

1. Air Hostess Valerie Rosario.
2. She participated in the Daily Mail Trans-Atlantic Air Race.
3. 7 hours, 21 minutes and 39½ seconds.
4. At New York, during the race.



There are no winners for our last month's quiz. Please put on your memory caps and send us your answers. We have a prize for you.



# CHAIRBORNE

## Air Cargo Club

THE Air Cargo Club of Bombay was inaugurated last month by Mr N. H. Dastur, Deputy Managing Director (C). This Club will provide a medium of communication on professional matters and will help enable its members to exchange ideas and share knowledge among the various sections of the air cargo fraternity. The office bearers of the Club are Mr R. K. Narpat Singh, Air-India's Commercial Manager - Cargo; Mr Arvind Parikh, Mr Nari J. Katgara and Mr Pesi Master.



is ubiquitous. He has won for the airline more friends and influenced more passengers than even the pretty faces of Air-India's most charming hostesses. It was not surprising, therefore, to see four-year-old Master Raghav Prabhu, son of Mr S. A. Prabhu, Jr Technical Officer, Facility Planning, dressed up as a Maharajah at the Annual Fancy Dress Competition held at St Michael's School, Mahim, Bombay. When Raghav appeared on stage, he was applauded and given an ovation. Indeed, for the audience at the competition, the four-year-old was reminiscent of the Air-India Maharajah, and the joy and wonder of flying in our palace in the sky.

## Flight Punctuality

MR N.H. Dastur has announced a running trophy to be competed annually by all stations throughout the system for the best Flight Punctuality record. The competition comes into effect from April 1, 1977. In addition to the running trophy, which will be retained by the winning station for the year, each staff will be awarded a certificate of merit. The performance of airports will be assessed on the basis of the quarterly statements circulated by Commercial Manager-Headquarters on traffic delays.

## Tip to Tip

WE haven't checked with the Guinness Book of Records, but Air-India's Security Guard, Bhagwathi at Delhi may soon have the distinction of being mentioned in the famous book. He has a moustache 34" long from tip to tip, and says that it is natural growth. He swears he does not add any manure to make it grow. A cynosure of all eyes, Bhagwathi twirls his moustache with masculine pride and declares, "What is a man without a moustache and a bull without a tail!"

## Entertainer

DEREK Nimmo, the well-known actor and entertainer, recently flew on our service to and from Australia, when he was making a stage appearance there for several months. He is very interested in travel, especially travel in Asia, and the Far East, and has often broadcast in these countries and has made several documentary films concerning them. Patrick Conway, our U. K. Passenger Sales Manager and Vice Chairman of the London Chapter of PATA, recently invited Derek Nimmo to speak at their monthly luncheon. Derek's remarks to the members of the London travel trade interested in the PATA area were well received and much appreciated.

## Stalwart Passes Away



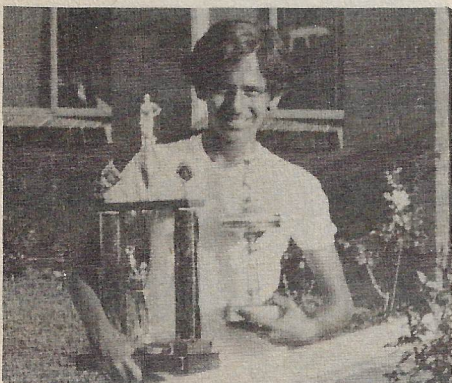
IN the passing away of Mr V. M. Kotak recently, travel and tourism in this country has lost a stalwart. Starting his career in 1944, Mr Kotak devoted his life wholeheartedly to the cause of travel, transport and the tourism industry. He was an ardent friend of Air-India and closely associated with the Corporation's activities. He formed the Skat Club of Bombay and also served as its President. We in Air-India and his numerous friends and admirers will miss this genial giant of the travel industry.

## Appointment

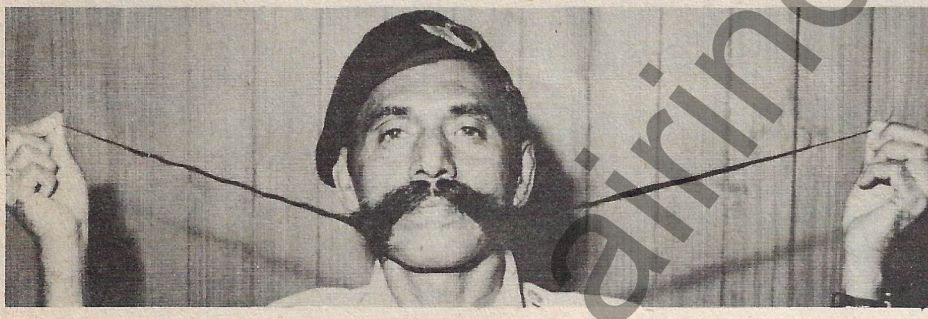
Mr G.D. Dubey, Controller of Communications, has been appointed Chairman of the Overseas Fixed Telecommunication System Conference being held in Miami this month. Mr Dubey is also on the board of directors of SITA an international airline association responsible for all land communications on a worldwide basis. He is also one of the seven members of SITA's Steering Committee which is the organisation's policy-making body.

## Fancy Flying

PLUMP, squat and fun-loving, the Maharajah is synonymous with Air-India and pops up at the least expected of places, twirling his well-groomed moustache. In fact today, the Air-India Maharajah



RAJEEV Shirodkar recently led a team of young cricketers to win the coveted Alan Turner Trophy for boys under 14 in the Round Robin Cricket Tournament held in Eastern Suburbs, Sydney. He is the son of Mr S.R. Shirodkar, our Asst Manager at Sydney. Rajeev, who captained the Randwick Juniors Team and won, is now confident of carrying away the Rick McCosker trophy which has been recently introduced for cricketers below 14.



## Golf Tourney at Jullundur

The Maharajah Cup Golf Tournament, sponsored by Air-India, was held at Jullundur recently. Most of the Golf Clubs of the principal cities of Punjab participated in the Tournament. An added attraction was the publicity booth set up by Air-India.

Later that evening a reception was hosted by the DSM Jullundur. It was attended by participants and commercial contacts. At the party, Mr Ajit Singh, Manager-Northern India, gave away the prizes to the winners.



Mr Ajit Singh, Manager-Northern India, flanked from left to right by Mr C.M. Kapoor, Maj Harbhajan Singh, Secretary, Golf Club, Mr Suman Puri, Mr G.S. Ahuja, DSM and Ms Vijay Daulat Singh.

## Badminton Enthusiasts Gather



Mr D.P. Nimkar, President, Sports Control Board, with Mr V. Mody, Mr A.R. Suvarna, Mr T.N.D. Pillai (Captain) and Mr N.C. Abrol.

The 20th Air-India inter-offices Badminton Tournament was conducted recently at the University Pavilion in Bombay. This year a record number of entries were received, 8 in the Senior Division and 24 in the Junior Division. Star players Iqbal Maindergi, Anil Pradhan, Pradeep Gandhe and Kiran Kaushik were seen in action at the tourney and they played a few thrilling matches.

Air-India won the Junior Division title scoring over BEST by two matches to one. The main architect of our victory was Vispy Mody from Inflight Service who won all the single matches in that Division. Our team: T.N.D. Pillai (Captain) Engineering, A.R. Suvarna (Security), V. Mody (Inflight

Service) and N.C. Abrol (Maintenance). The Senior Division title was lifted by Union Bank while the Central Railways retained their position as runners-up.

Mr D.P. Nimkar, President of the Sports Control Board, was the Chief Guest at the finals and Ms Kumud Nimkar distributed the prizes in the presence of a large number of badminton enthusiasts. In his speech Mr Nimkar remarked that he was overwhelmed with the enthusiasm shown by various offices in participating in such tournaments and therefore Air-India would now sponsor an Inter-office Table Tennis Tournament next year. The announcement was welcomed with thunderous applause.