

Interesting interlining

It's "go" season and there are lots of places to try

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Escapades with Aer Lingus

Aer Lingus is offering roundtrip transportation to Shannon or Dublin from New York or Chicago on a space-available basis for \$89 plus \$3 U. S. transportation tax. There are no restricted periods for travel, however the Easter Holidays should be avoided. Airline employees, spouses and children under 21 are eligible. Children under 12 travel at 50 per cent, and infants under two travel at 10 per cent. A letter is required from your supervisor on company stationery, including the name and relationship of all persons traveling. Letter and check for fare, plus tax, should be mailed to Aer Lingus, 564 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10036, (212) 575-8400, Ext. 215. Please call (212) 575-8200 within 10 days of departure and list for meals. Escorted motor coach tours and rent-a-car packages are available from O'Connor Fairways Travel, Inc., 585 West 207 Street, New York, N. Y. 10034, (212) 569-8300.

Caesar offers variety of short trips

Effective through June 30, 1978, Caesar Hotels is offering leave-any-day mini-vacations to Rome, Madrid, London, Paris, Athens, and the French Riviera. Prices vary from \$58 to \$79, double, for four days and three nights. Included are breakfast daily, half-day sight-seeing tour, dinner, and all hotel taxes and service charges. For more information write Caesar Hotels Interline Vacations Department, 7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Saint Louis, Missouri 63105, (314) 727-1503.

Traffic and Earnings Improve

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million for the July through September period of 1977, up 22.4 per cent from the \$47.45 million in the comparable period of 1976.

The Airline Division posted a pre-tax profit of \$3,338,962 for the third quarter of 1977. The General Aviation Group and other operations earned \$685,519 before taxes. During the same period of 1976, the Airline Division had a profit of \$3,239,673 before taxes, and the other operations had pre-tax earnings of \$178,577.

For the nine months of 1977, Piedmont Aviation, Inc. had a net income of \$5,684,345 as compared to \$2,951,782 in the same period in 1976.

The Company's gross revenues for the first nine months of 1977 were up 17.4 per cent to \$164.6 million from \$140.3 million during the same period of 1976.

Costs and expenses rose 16.4 per cent for the January through September period of 1977 to \$158.6 million. For the same period a year earlier, costs and expenses totalled \$136.3 million.

In announcing the financial results, Senior Vice President T. W. Morton said, "Business growth was better than we expected during the third quarter and earnings were greater than our projections in spite of substantial increases in costs of fuel and other expenses. It is apparent that earnings in 1977 will exceed our earnings in 1976."

Also available through the Caesar organization are weekend trips to Rome, Santo Domingo, London, Copenhagen, and Paris. Prices range from \$119 to \$162 per person, double. Round-trip air transportation is included. More information on these is available from the Caesar address above.

Wander world-wide

World-Wide Interline Tours recently announced new trips including one for eight days in Greece for \$230. They say this is one of the best tours they've ever offered. Cost covers breakfast and dinner daily, two lunches, a cruise visiting three Greek islands, tours to old Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus. The air fare is not included.

Or you might like Morocco for \$350. You get tours to Rabat, Meknes, Fez, Marrakesh and Casablanca, first-class hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, and air fare. Parents must travel with the employee.

World-Wide's Russia includes a complete tour of Tallin, Moscow, and Leningrad, features three meals daily, uses steamer from Helsinki to Tallin, five hours crossing the Baltic Sea. First-class hotels and theatre in Moscow and Leningrad. Covers overnight sleeper (berth) to Leningrad/Helsinki. Air fare is included. Complete cost is \$498 for 10 days.

Pick Portugal for \$310 which covers positive air space, breakfast and dinner daily, plus two lunches and tours to Sintra, Penn Castle, Royal Coach Museum, and first-class hotel.

Other World-Wide tours are to Holland, Spain, Holyland, Paris, and Chateau country. Tour brochures available from World-Wide Interline Tours, Inc., P. O. Box 28034, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, (404) 255-5669.

Headed down under?

Ten-day fly/drive packages to Australia or New Zealand, priced from \$348 including air from the West Coast or Honolulu, have been arranged for interliners by ITR Interline Ltd. in cooperation with Pan Am. Employees, spouses and dependent children under 21 are eligible for the tours, which also include a car with unlimited mileage and seven nights' accommodation at any Travelodge or Flag Motor

Last Chapter of 227 Story

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They saw only one contrail. Very uncrowded sky. A lot of their conversation was about fuel. They were never sleepy and seemed surprised at the question. The fuel in the belly had to be transferred every 15 minutes to keep the wing tanks as full as possible.

After nine hours, the first land they saw was the southern coast of Japan. On landing at Nagoya Wednesday afternoon, they saw YS-11s everywhere. The ramp roosters felt right at home. The 227s stirred up quite a bit of interest. They may have been the first Fairchilds seen there. Someone said the Japanese mechanics may have been trying to figure out how to copy the design.

After only one night in Nagoya, they took off for the last leg of the trip. It was Thursday, September 8th, when they headed toward Tainan. The six hours over the East China Sea reminded Captain McLean of a Winston-to-

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The Australia tour, which starts from Sydney, is priced from \$348 to \$377 per person, double, depending on the car selected. The cost for singles is \$438 to \$473. Rates start at \$318 for each of three or four persons. Australia departures are scheduled daily except Mondays from Los Angeles or San Francisco, daily except Tuesdays from Honolulu.

Rates for New Zealand fly/drives, which begin and end in Auckland, range from \$358 to \$387 for each of two persons, \$328 to \$363 for each of three or four. The cost for singles is \$448 to \$493. New Zealand departures are daily except Mondays and Tuesdays from Los Angeles or San Francisco, Mondays only from Honolulu. Roundtrip economy air is issued on a conditional space basis. Longer programs are also available. Reservations and additional information can be obtained from ITR Interline Ltd., 39 West 55 Street, New York, New York 10019, (212) 586-3847.

With its great variety of places to go, ITR has a three-day Disneyworld package priced at \$48 per person, double. Employees, parents, families, retirees are eligible for the package which includes two nights' accommodation at the Gateway Inn, two days' use of a self-drive car with unlimited mileage, admission to Disneyworld and eight of its attractions. An extra-night rate of \$16 per person includes the car. The cost for up to two children under 12 sharing a room with adults is \$8 each. One adult and one child pay the double rate. The Gateway Inn on International Drive in Orlando Center is 10 minutes from the airport and close to Disneyworld, Stars Hall of Fame, Sea World, Wet 'n' Wild, and Mystery Fun House. The Kennedy Space Center, Circus World, Cypress and Busch Gardens are within an hour's drive. Reservations and additional information can be obtained from ITR.

Swap homes

If you are interested in trying a new vacation arrangement by temporarily exchanging your housing and transportation facilities for someone else's in another city, state, or even country, you may list yourself with Interline Home Exchange. Complete details can be obtained by contacting Interline Home Exchange, P. O. Box 26000, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825.

Wilmington run as they had to beat typhoon Babe. Thoughts of big sharks in the warm water also flashed through some minds.

By 8 p.m. that night, the first 227s had been delivered.

The very next morning, the pilots left Archer, temporarily, in Tainan as they headed home via Hong Kong, Tokyo and San Francisco. Archer stayed long enough to remove the equipment that would be used to deliver the last two planes. The LORAN, the HF receivers and the fittings for fuel cells and pumps were shipped back to be installed on N708 and N710.

Several weeks later, Piedmont's last two 227s headed west to Tainan. Archer and Zavar, were joined by Ray Parker, Dick Vining and Dick Morgan for the final trip. Theirs was a chartered journey, but still an exciting aftermath to the initial adventure in delivering airplanes.

Would any of them want to do it again?

"Yes, but not for awhile."