

ECUADOREAN AIRLINE OFFICIALS STUDY PAI SETUP

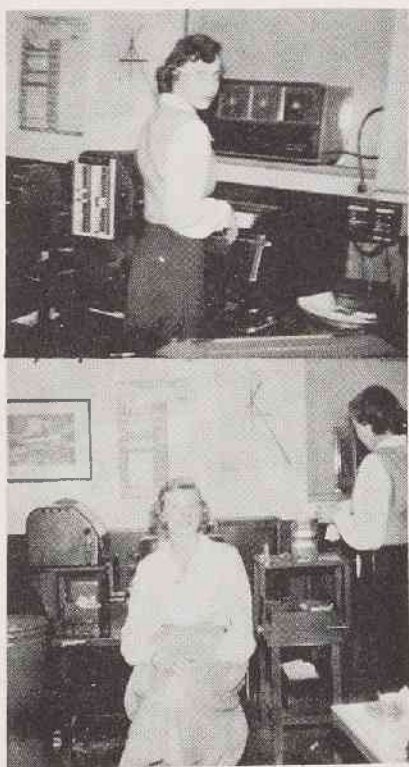
AS MODEL PATTERN FOR LATIN OPERATIONS

Latin America's shining beacon ever-searching for progressive and modern ideas in air transportation focused again on Piedmont Airlines this month in the visit of two highly ranking officials from Quito, Ecuador, S.A.

Sr. Rodrigo Gonzales, Civil Aeronautics Director, Quito, Ecuador and Sr. Rene Dousdebes, Superintendent of Stations, AREA Airlines, Quito, Ecuador, have been actively observing all phases of PAI operations for the past several weeks.

They came to Piedmont on the recommendation of CAA officials in Washington, to study and observe our procedures in an effort to further their operations in Ecuador. The CAA referred them to Piedmont because the scope of PAI operations, size and problems affecting an operation the size of AREA were very similar.

They have been studying our traffic and ticket counter handling, recently spent some time with the operations, communications and dispatch functions and have within the past few days been actively observing tower control in the terminal.



One of the more quiet, and most infrequent moments in INTC caught Jo Lindsay, top, in a favorite spot, checking the northern circuit teletype. Below, Marge Skvarek obligingly posed during the peaceful lull. These two operators are among the several attractions enjoyed by INTC.

The rugged terrain of their country makes air travel paramount in importance because of the inadequacy of modern highways and railroads.

The likable pair have gained many friends among Piedmont officials because of their interest and keen grasp of everyday airline problems and have furthered the Good Neighbor program by their visit.

They will return to Washington upon completion of their studies here, for further observation of CAA functions which might be adopted to their country's air program.

This is the second time PAI has been honored by selection as a model airline for study by Latin air officials, having played host to several other Ecuadorian airline leaders last year on a similar mission.

DEFENSE BOND PROGRAM

OFFERED PAI EMPLOYEES

A plan to participate in a U.S. Savings Bond program was offered to Piedmont Aviation, Inc., employees on January 15, 1953, in cooperation with a plan offered by all airlines through the Air Transport Association of America. To date, 20 employees have enrolled in the plan by authorizing regular payroll deductions for the purchase of bonds.

The Series E Savings Bonds, which are now being issued, pays interest at the rate of 3% which means that a bond purchased for \$18.75 matures to a \$25.00 value in nine years and eight months, and bonds of other denominations gain in value on the same basis.

This plan is more attractive than has been previously offered, and all employees who wish to do so are urged to participate. Applications for enrollment may be secured from the Accounting Office, and any further information concerning this plan will be gladly furnished upon inquiry by T. W. Morton, Chairman of the program.

Attitude makes the difference between a big man and a little man.

INTM BUSY REBUILDING 384 AS NEW CENTER SECTION INSTALLED

Airline Maintenance INT, is a-buzz with activity with its normal pressure of scheduled checks and engine changes being highlighted by installation of a new center section in 384.

Only received during the last few days, the new center section has been installed and 384 is again standing on its own landing gear, and at this rate speculation is that it should be flying around the middle of March.

Maintenance personnel has increased at all bases since the first of the year, as well as numerous promotions. The following new employees have joined the organization:

INT: Jack Gardner, INT; Bob Gibson, INT; Al Lundy, Erwin, Tenn.; Jim Richardson, Anderson, S.C.; all mechanics, line maintenance; and O.N. Ziglar, INT, welder, airframe overhaul.

ORF: F.T. Allman, W.H. Bloodworth, C.W. Overstreet, all of ORF - mechanics, line maintenance; and H.L. Baum, ORF, cleaner, line maintenance.

SDF: A.S. Johnston, of ORF, mechanic, line maintenance.

Promotions included Ken Whapham, sheet metal from Jr. Specialist to Mechanic Specialist, Feb 1, INT. J.N. "Jo Jo" Harris, transferred from stockroom to maintenance, INT.

H. W. Kelley, cleaner, INTM, returned to his job Feb. 1, after completing service with the Army in Korea.

John Westmoreland, of Inventory Control, left PAI Feb. 6, for the Army. He has been replaced by Leroy Burton, from Airline Stockroom.

John Cox was cordially welcomed during the month to replace Mr. Burton in the stockroom.

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