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EMPLOYEES IN BEST POSITION TO TRAP BOMB HOAXERS

Washington, D.C. - You and your fellow airline employees form the front line of attack in our battle against bomb hoaxers.

YOU are in the best position to trap a hoaxer. What's more, your efforts leading to the arrest of such a culprit may net you as much as \$1,000, awarded by the Air Transport Association of America, the airline industry's national trade organization.

Psychiatrists tell us a hoaxer is usually a psychopath who gets deep gratification out of the next day's newspapers and radio-TV newscasts reporting the bedlam his handiwork created out at the airport.

And bedlam it is! People are frightened; aircraft, luggage, and terminals are emptied and searched; flights are delayed and others called back and bad publicity ensues.

Although all bomb warnings so far have been phoney, you never really know. Never compromising with safety, it is imperative we undertake the chore of emptying and searching.

Confident that hoax publicity breeds more hoaxes, the airlines' public relations people are taking the problem to newsmen throughout the nation. The press, eager as we to discourage this public inconvenience—whether it apply to airline, high school or rail station—is adopting more realistic policies covering bomb-scare reporting.

The airline industry is working closely with the FBI to promote systematic co-operation between airlines and the FBI to increase chances of apprehension, and ATA is conducting a study to determine behavior patterns of the psychopathic hoaxer.

Certainly, airline employees can be the most effective weapons in the campaign to end the bomb craze. In mobilizing employees, the ATA has established an award program in which any airline employee who materially assists authorities in their efforts to apprehend a hoaxer will be given a cash award up to \$1,000, depending upon the extent of the employee's help.

Within the past five months, two hoaxers have been caught, and two airline employees have each won \$1,000 for the help they gave authorities. The winners are Agent Shirley Young of American Airlines, Cleveland, and Agent Paul Epifano of Eastern Air Lines, New York.

In making the awards, Stuart G. Tipton, President of the ATA, said, "The best weapons the airlines have in the campaign to reduce the menace of the bomb hoaxer are employees like Miss Young and Mr. Epifano. Their quick response to an emergency is typical of the kind of men and women who serve our industry today."

YOU could be the airline employee who gets the next crank call, "There's a bomb on one of your planes!"

Procedure you should follow includes:

1. Alert a co-worker to call the FBI or other authorities immediately. He should alert operations personnel.
2. Keep your hoaxer talking to give more time to trace his call. Ask questions: Where is the bomb? Can you describe it? When is it set to go off? Who planted it, when, why, how? What's your name, address, telephone number? Where are you calling from? What do you have against the airline, or whomever it is designed for?
3. Listen carefully. Background noises may indicate his location. Voice may indicate age. His remarks may give important

clues.

4. Take down detailed notes. If available, turn on recorder.
5. Give the FBI and other authorities your full cooperation.

PROMOTIONS— REVENUE ACCOUNTING

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Forest G. Bates to the position of Supervisor of Revenue Accounting effective November 1, 1957, succeeding Mr. C. H. McCall who has resigned effective October 31, 1957, to join the Air Transport Association.

Mr. Bates will be ably assisted by Mr. Oscar L. Tesh, Jr., who has been promoted to Assistant Supervisor of Revenue Accounting.

FAIRCHILD CONDUCTING SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL

An F-27 Flight Operations and Supervisor's course was held between October 21 and November 1 in Hagerstown, Md. Those attending were J. A. Rehder, Director of Training and his assistant, J. W. Johnson; W. A. Blackmon, Supervisor of Ground Operations; Forrest Shelton, Check Pilot; J. F. Wood, Engineer; L. H. Jackson, Chief Inspector and Cal Murray, CAA Operations Safety Agent.

Following this course, Fairchild has scheduled a service school in the F-27 Electrical System and Piedmont personnel attending are Messrs. Rehder, Johnson, Wood, Jackson, C. E. Wilson and M. W. Graham.

The Pneumatic System course is scheduled for November 12 - 15, Power Package November 18-22 and Airframe December 2 - 13.