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Aviation Tax Bill Pending

President Johnson has sent a message to Congress requesting that the 5 per cent airways tax, due to expire June 29, be made permanent. The message also asked that the 2 cents per gallon aviation gas tax be continued and, furthermore, that taxes of 2 cents per gallon on jet fuel, 4 cents per gallon general aviation fuel, and 2 per cent on air freight waybills be imposed.

The 5 per cent airways tax has been approved by the House and by the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The Senate is expected to act in favor of the bill within the next ten days.

Action on the aviation fuel taxes and air freight waybills will not be taken until late in the year at the earliest, and probably not until the next session of Congress.

The Air Transport Association (ATA), speaking for the scheduled airlines, believes that the taxes now being paid by the airlines equal or exceed their share of airways costs. They subsequently feel that it is unfair to levy additional taxes on the airlines.

The 5 per cent user tax, upheld by the ATA, is felt to be the fairest and most productive means of distributing airway costs among those who really use the airways.

On the other hand, the airlines feel that fuel tax is discriminatory, and bears no relationship to the use of facilities. The airlines will continue to oppose application of a jet fuel tax and will also continue to work toward a repeal of the 2 cents per gallon gasoline tax insofar as it applies to airlines.

New F-O's, Captains Announced

Captain W. O. Tadlock, Director of Flight Operations, has announced that eight pilots have been promoted to the rank of captain.

The eight are D. Lamarr Stovall, TYS; Aaron William Rowe, INT; Robert Longmire Almon, ILM; Ralph Van Shipton, ATL; Gene Arlen Sugg, INT; Robert Elmore Foreman, DCA; William Thomas Hurst, ORF; and Harry Gilbert O'Conner, ORF.

In addition, four more promotions will be announced this month.

Six new pilots also began training on May 10. They are Wayne Hennings, Kenneth Allen Sallies, Ronald Charles Fenrich, Donnie Warren Barnes, Robert Lawton Atkins, and James MacNeil Bailey.

Martin 404 Joins Fleet

Piedmont Airlines purchased another Martin 404 on May 21, bringing the airline's total fleet to thirty-four — twenty-six Martin 404 Pacemakers and eight F-27 prop jets.

The new aircraft, at one time belonging to TWA, was purchased from Southern Airways.

The Martin, with 44 seats, will be placed into service around the first of August.



Foreign students from the International Air Systems Seminar deplane from the FAA's Gulfstream at Smith Reynolds Airport. They are met by County Commissioner Fred Hauser (far left), Mayor M. C. Benton (second from left), and President T. H. Davis (far right).

Piedmont Handles Charter For 200

Thelma Davis, Director of Charter Sales, has reported that the airline handled the largest charter in its history on June 16 and 17.

The charter, which involved three Piedmont Airline planes and, by special agreement, two Southern Airlines planes, was in conjunction with the North Carolina Governor's Agricultural-Industrial Tour. In addition to Piedmont's charter, an R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. plane and two light aircraft were used for the tour.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture has for many years sponsored an Agribusiness Caravan, whereby business and agricultural leaders of the state have visited throughout the United States observing "how others do it."

This year, North Carolina reciprocated by inviting 100 prominent industrial leaders from all over the country to tour outstanding points in the state. About 100 North Carolinians joined the visitors for the tour.

The week-long visitation began on the evening of June 14. The following day, the guests visited Reynolds Tobacco Co., Old Salem, Western Electric, Hanes Park, and Wake Forest College. They finished the day with a trip to High Point's Furniture Mart.

On Wednesday, the 200 businessmen left via Piedmont Airlines for Asheville where they saw the Biltmore Estate and its adjoining farm and dairy property, the Gerber Baby Food Plant, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

On Thursday, Piedmont flew the group first to Charlotte, then to Wilmington, and finally to Kinston.

Before leaving the state, the visitors saw North Carolina State University and the Legislative buildings in Raleigh and the Research Triangle in Durham.

Mr. Wayne Corpening of the Governor's Office, was in charge of the group which included, along with N. C. Governor Dan K. Moore, top executives from

Connecticut, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Georgia, Massachusetts, Virginia, Tennessee, California, Ohio, Texas, Missouri, Florida, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Colorado, Michigan, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia.

Sherl Folger, assistant general sales manager for Piedmont Airlines, accompanied the group during the airline's portion of the trip to insure the smooth handling of the five airplanes and two hundred people.

It is hoped that the Governor's Tour will have encouraged agricultural and industrial interests to settle in North Carolina.

Senator Soaper

Naturally, we admire the pioneers who built this country, but why couldn't they have established the cities a little closer to the airports? — Senator Soaper in *Winston-Salem Journal*.

Seminar Students Tour Home Office

The home office, on May 26, hosted international aviation officials from some eighteen countries, including Afghanistan, Argentina, Burundi, Costa Rica, Finland, Guinea, Honduras, Kenya, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Sudan, Thailand, and Zambia. The group is in the United States to attend the thirteen week government-industry International Air Systems seminar.

Seminar students, as well as FAA officials and a representative from the American University, arrived at Smith Reynolds Airport at 9:30 a.m. where they were met by Mayor M. C. Benton, County Commissioner Fred Hauser, Airport Manager Dick Graham, T. H. Davis, and the Atkins High School Band.

After a brief reception, the officials toured the administrative, maintenance, and operational facilities of Piedmont Aviation, Inc.

Almost all the visitors had an excellent command of the English language. Most had been to college in the United States.

They were anxious to learn. Some were from countries where air transportation has been in operation for a number of years, others were from places that are just now initiating air transportation. One country had only two commercial airliners.

Said the delegate from Pakistan, "Flying is still a novelty in our country. Many people will save for weeks just to buy a plane ticket. They aren't going anywhere; they just want to ride! In fact, that is a very significant source of revenue."

The group was impressed by Piedmont's facilities, which seemed large when compared to their own situations. They asked questions about Piedmont's fleet, as well as about financing and operations, in an attempt to ferret out information which would be helpful in establishing an effective system of air trans-

portation in each of their respective countries.

The International Air Systems Seminar, sponsored by American University and the Agency for International Development (AID), is the first of its kind. During the first six weeks of the program, which began May 10, the students discussed air-space and the market for air transportation. The overall topic was air system planning and management.

Piedmont Airlines was selected to explain the financing and operations of a domestic scheduled airline. On the day prior to the field trip to Winston-Salem, Piedmont officials talked to the group in Washington about all phases of the airline's operations including administration, financing, station operations, training, programs, and maintenance.

Those from Piedmont Airlines attending the seminar in Washington were T. H. Davis, president; Don Britt, assistant to the president; C. G. Brown, Jr., vice president; H. K. Saunders, vice president; M. F. Fare, vice president; T. W. Morton, controller; W. G. McGee, assistant vice president—sales; R. E. Turbiville, assistant vice president—traffic; W. O. Tadlock, director of flight operations; and R. S. Macklin, technical advisor to the director of maintenance and engineering.

During the first six weeks of the seminar, other speakers included representatives from American University, Brookings Institute, the Civil Aeronautics Board, the United States Air Force, Pan American World Airways, and the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA). In addition, field trips were made to the FAA National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center at Atlantic City, N. J.; FAA Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City; an aircraft factory in Oklahoma; and the Harrisburg (Pa.) Airport.

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Milwaukee Braves star Eddie Matthews signs baseball for stewardess corps before start of game between Braves and Mets at New York's Shea Stadium. His audience (from left) includes Hope Patterson, American Airlines, Phyllis Geck, Frontier Airlines, Marty Mavin, Allegheny, Jan Osting, Lake Central, Nancy Vaught, Piedmont and Leona Berglund, Pacific. The girls spent a weekend of sightseeing in New York City as guests of American Airlines.