

# Wilmington Eyes Development Of Air Routes On World Scale

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World peace can only come about through world understanding and the foundation for world understanding is world trade, is the opinion of a major airline executive. Today the most dynamic force in world commerce is the airplane. Without its positive effect the world can soon become again a heterogeneous collection of armed camps, each distrustful, each a law unto itself, each ready to clash with another over economic, social and geographic differences. With its positive effect, the airplane can help to mold the world into a one-ness from which will emerge a global prosperity, happiness, and peace unknown and impossible during the eras of other means of transportation and communication.

safety record of any scheduled carrier in recent years, which among others, is seeking new routes, both domestic and international, has put its cards face-up on the table, enabling Wilmingtonians to see for themselves just what they propose to give us in the way of additional airline passenger service if they are granted requested certificates of operation by CAB.

In another column, a map of the proposed extension of the present Colonial system is presented today in order that every Wilmington business man and citizen may get a picturized idea of what this one airline system proposes to do for this city in the way of additional service.

At present, Colonial with 23 years of experience behind it and without an accident to passenger or equipment since 1938, comes no further south than Washington, D. C. All existing lines are in the North and internationally into Canada—some 334-miles of scheduled daily flights. Soon it will be serving Bermuda and adding over 2,300 miles to its domestic and foreign air routes. Other domestic and international routes are now before CAB and it is these, that are of particular interest to Wilmington and Wilmingtonians.

### Washington Link

Under Colonial's proposed new routes, a glance at the map will show that the company seeks to link Wilmington with Washington, D. C., via Norfolk. National Airlines, already serving the city north and south, is asking for a similar certificate of operation. Colonial proposals would give Wilmington a competing airline service from Norfolk on the North to Jacksonville, Fla., on the South, with additional service direct to Washington and Baltimore, a service that would be a real boom to Wilmington air travelers.

Further, the map shows, Wilmington via Colonial, would be linked directly by air not only to Washington, D. C., but to Baltimore, Wilmington, Del., Philadelphia, Trenton and New York, thence via Hartford, Conn., Providence, Springfield, Boston, Mass., and on to Quebec, Canada on the one hand and from Baltimore to Dover, Del., Atlantic City and into New York on the other. Although not linking Wilmington direct, Colonial also seeks a certificate covering a route from Raleigh north to Washington via Richmond and south from Raleigh by way of Pinehurst, Camden, Columbia and Aiken, S. C., Augusta and Thomasville, Ga., to Tallahassee, Fla.

While the proposed new service by Colonial would compete with National Airlines between Norfolk and Jacksonville, via Wilmington, the company does not propose in its application now pending, to serve North Florida points other than Tallahassee, but has asked for a certificate for two routes from New Orleans on the South, northward into Washington. One of these would, like National, also touch at Gulfport and Mobile, and then would cut northeast to Montgomery, Ala., Atlanta, Ga., Asheville, Winston-Salem, Danville and Lynchburg, Va., and on to Washington, Ohio.

### Other Routes

The other New Orleans-Washington proposed route would be via Birmingham, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Johnson City, Roanoke and on to Washington. Still another route asked of CAB by Colonial, would connect Winston-Salem with Savannah, Ga., via Charlotte and Columbia, S. C.

Colonial also seeks certification for new routes from New York to Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago; New York to Springfield, Ill., via Pittsburgh and New York to Youngstown and Akron, Ohio.

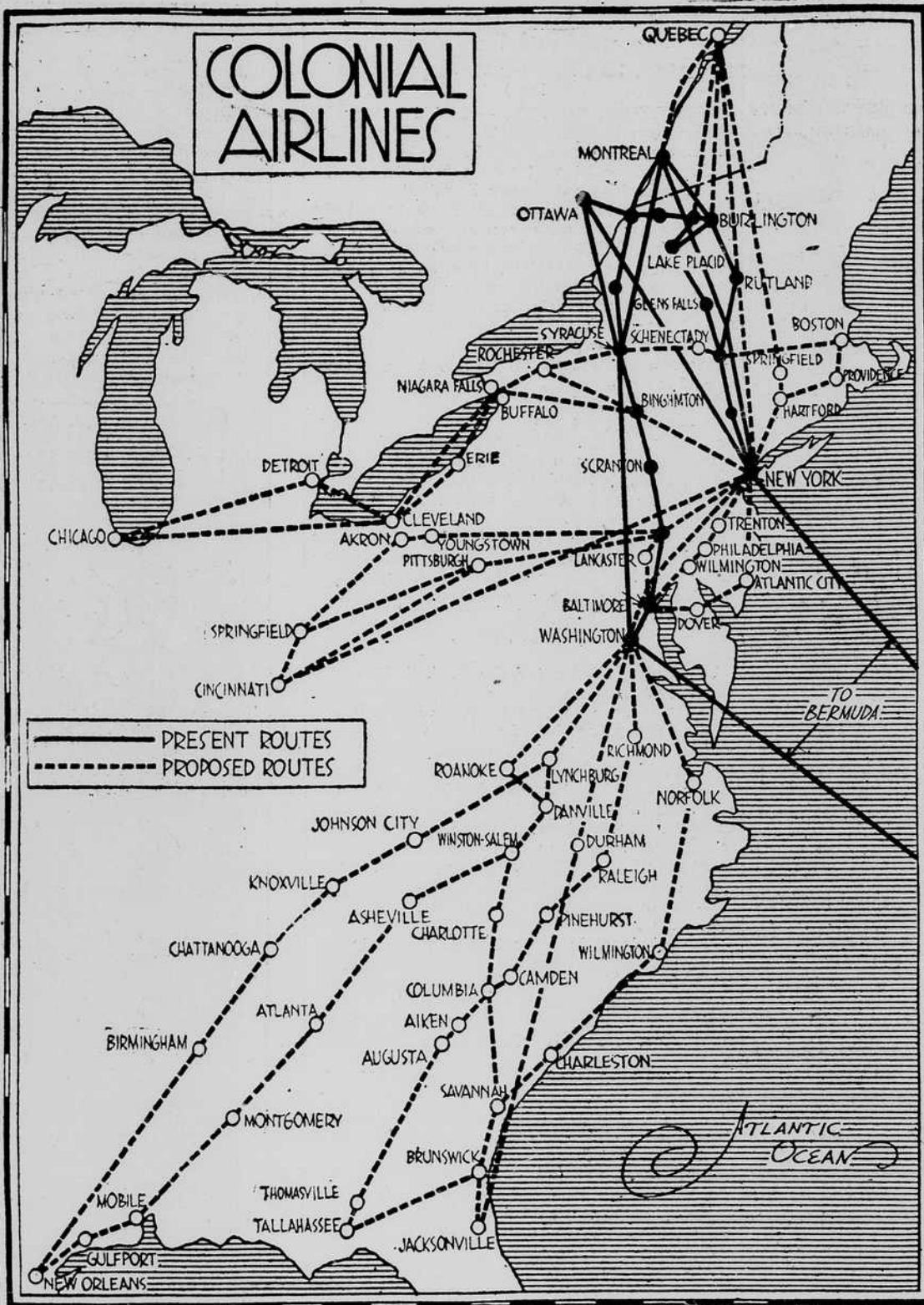
Not shown on the accompanying map is another Colonial proposal—a route from Washington to Bermuda via Wilmington and Charleston with the South Carolina city being designated as the "hop-off" point for Bermuda, the Canal Zone, and Columbia. Under the plan proposed to CAB, Wilmington would be the company's secondary "hop-off" point in the event of bad flying conditions at Charleston. This proposal is especially appealing to Wilmingtonians, inasmuch as it would put the gorgeous winter playground that is Bermuda, a scant few hours from Front Street and would make week-end flying to Bermuda possible for North Carolinians.

Colonial has already been granted a certificate for a route to Bermuda from New York and this certificate is the second granted to a U. S. flag carrier. Pan American holds the first certificate. Colonial plans to start survey flights from Washington to Bermuda early next month and plans to use four-engine equipped equipment, probably DC-4's initially and perhaps later DC-9's.

### Interest Growing

Eastern Airlines also seeks an outlet to Bermuda but via Charleston instead of Wilmington and for that reason, expansion plans of that carrier are not gaining the attention of Wilmington air travelers as such. More than a deal of interest however is attached locally to the forthcoming decision of

## Would Serve Wilmington



The above map, which depicts the existing and proposed new routes asked for by Colonial Airlines, shows at a glance, how the company proposes to serve Wilmington. Not shown is the proposed route to Bermuda via Charleston with Wilmington as the alternate "hop-off" base for such flights. Starting in business with a 331-mile New York-Montreal run, Colonial will soon be serving cities of the United States, Canada and colonial Bermuda cities over certified routes aggregating 2,700 miles.

## YWCA TO OFFER COLLEGE COURSE

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College credit can be earned by attendance at a series of lecture-classes to be initiated in the Young Women's Christian association Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock when the subject "Changing World Conditions and the Problems and Demands They Make Upon Us," is discussed by Dr. W. T. McKee, professor of Education at the University of North Carolina.

While college credit is given for the course, a limited number of auditors may enroll also. The University has set the fee for this class as follows: For credit—\$9.00 a term of 16 weeks, and auditor—\$5.50. Books will be furnished for study and the latest magazines and newspapers are available in the YWCA library for current event study.

### CLARK IN HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—(P)—General Mark W. Clark, commander of American forces in Austria, entered Walter Reed Army hospital here Saturday for treatment of an ear condition that forced him to cancel a series of appearances in the Pacific northwest.

CAB on routes linking Wilmington with Atlanta and Louisville, Ky. Today the city is being inadequately served from an airlines standpoint, National Airlines, however, is already committed to giving Wilmington three north and three flights daily just as soon as the VHF range is placed in operation. Still badly needed is a direct route to Washington and Atlanta and better service to Raleigh.

Meanwhile, Wilmingtonians with fingers crossed, are playing no favorites. The best possible airline service is what is needed and the company or companies who provide such service will be doubly welcome at Blumenthal Field.

## SCIENTIST CHURCHES STUDY "REALITY" AS LESSON ON SUNDAY

"REALITY" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches and Societies on Sunday, September 29.

The Golden Text from Psalms 62:7. "In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God." Among the citations comprising the Lesson-Sermon were the following from the Bible: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there

be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4: 8). And from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "As God Himself is good and is Spirit, goodness and spirituality must be immortal. . . . If goodness and spirituality are real, evil and materiality are unreal and cannot be the outcome of an infinite God, good" (Page 277).

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**SOVIET HARVEST**  
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