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CAB AIRFREIGHT CASE

Mr. Prescott has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he attended the Oral Argument in the Airfreight Case. In the last NEWSLETTER Mr. Prescott announced the favorable decision of the Civil Aeronautics Board in the Airfreight Forwarder Case which will allow certain indirect carriers to engage in the airfreight forwarding business for a developmental period of five years beginning October 15, 1948.

Mr. Prescott stated, on his return from the Oral Argument, that the passenger lines are fighting for re-opening, and consequent further delay of the Airfreight Case. He stated that the passenger lines are attempting to have the case re-opened on a technicality. However, in Mr. Prescott's opinion, this would be contrary to the public interest and not in keeping with fair procedural action.

The Flying Tiger Line is doing all that it can to prevent the re-opening of the Airfreight Case and to encourage an early favorable decision from the CAB. The odds are still in our favor that a proper decision will be rendered soon. Certainly, the record of The Flying Tiger Line in the development of the airfreight industry should count heavily toward certification of some of the all-cargo airlines.

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MORE INTERLINE AGREEMENTS

Last issue, we disclosed the Interline Agreement between K.L.M. and The Flying Tiger Line. We now have signed agreements with three more carriers, one international and two domestic. The Philippine Airlines and The Flying Tiger Line will engage in an interchange of freight with The Flying Tiger Line acting as U. S. carrier. The K.L.M. contract made available 62,000 additional route miles. Now the Philippine Airline Agreement extends our shipping area to Manila, Hongkong, Bangkok, Calcutta and other Far-Eastern cities.

Another Interline Agreement which we have entered into is the one with Colonial Airlines. Colonial services such points as Ottawa and Montreal, Canada; Burlington and Rutland, Vermont and Albany, New York to mention a few. In commenting on this arrangement with Colonial Airlines, Mr. George Cussen, our Executive Vice-President, has this to say, "For the first time in the history of the non-certificated all-cargo carrying airlines one of the domestic, certificated airmail lines has had the foresight to recognize the presently expanding operation and future possibilities of airfreight. It is hoped that this Interline Agreement is only one of a number which may be executed enabling shippers in all parts of the country to move their cargo from an origination point to a destination point with a minimum of red tape."

The other domestic Interline Agreement is with Globe Freight Airlines, Inc. which operates freight planes from Hartford, Connecticut to Boston, New York, various Southeastern cities and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Slowly but surely The Flying Tiger Line is solidifying itself in a world-wide network of Interline Agreements which will enable us to give a maximum service to our customers.

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VANLINE OF THE AIR

Bekins Van and Storage Company has entered into an agreement with The Flying Tiger Line which will result in a great increase in the movement of furniture over our line. If any employees have to move and require the services of a vanline, please contact our Sales Department which has made arrangements to aid FTL employees in solving their moving problems at a reasonable cost.

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CREDIT UNION

The Federal Government has been petitioned to grant a charter to the FLYING TIGER EMPLOYEES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. Mr. Shultz, the Federal Credit Union Examiner, and Mr. Montgomery, of the California Credit Union League, paid us a visit and assisted in the formation of our Credit Union. The charter is to be received within two weeks, at which time a meeting of all eligible and available employees will be held in order that a Board of Directors, Credit Committee and Supervisory Committee may be elected. Membership in the Credit Union is limited to employees of The Flying Tiger Line and members of their families. This includes all field personnel who may join the Credit Union by notifying the Personnel Department, Burbank.

Nearly everyone is aware of the advantages of a cooperative savings and loan association such as our Federal Credit Union will be: higher interest on your savings and lower interest on your loans. Literature will be distributed to all employees describing the Credit Union, its advantages and how it operates.

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THE TIGER FLYING CLUB

The Flying Club has just purchased a new propellor, for its Aeronca, which has improved the performance and speed of the airplane.

Two of the student pilots are just about ready to solo: Al Goldberg and Thelma Goodman. The Instructor, George Maruyama, states that he believes both Al and Thelma will solo before the end of September.

There is still room for additional members in the Club and plenty of flight time available on the airplane. Membership is open to employees of The Flying Tiger Line and members of their families. Prospective members should contact Thelma Goodman, Blair Smith or Ed Taesch, Burbank.