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Tiger-Slick 'Knot-Tying' Held May 12

What started out as a two-car garage operation on Long Beach Municipal Airport back in 1945 came of age Wednesday, May 12, with the merger of Flying Tiger and Slick Airline into the world's largest air freight carrier.

Named Flying Tiger-Slick Airline, the new company flies the world's largest fleet of aircraft, 53 ships, on the nation's longest domestic route system, serving 45 major marketing and manufacturing centers.

Nearly 3000 persons attended the official ceremonies marking the merger of the carriers at the Burbank facility, where the "knot-tying" rite was carried out before guests at the open house and where planes varying in size from the huge MATS carrier to a tiny Aeronca were on display. Gordon Stanton, public relations director for Lockheed Aircraft Corp., was master of ceremonies. Many Los Angeles city and county officials, as well as those from Burbank, were present.

The "marriage" of the nation's two largest independent air freight lines is a far cry from the half-dozen employees who gathered at Long Beach around two aircraft in June, 1945, to form The Flying Tiger Line, first of the nation's post-war air freight carriers. A few months later, in San Antonio, Texas, Slick launched its operation.

For eight years, the two companies carried on an intensive competitive struggle. A year ago, they took the first steps toward merger of their transcontinental systems. The Civil Aeronautics Board, approving the merger plans a few months ago, laid out merger procedures which have now been completed, enabling the companies to unite their operations.

Flying Tiger was founded by Robert W. Prescott, who is president of the new company. Thomas L. Grace, president of Slick, becomes executive vice-president of the merged line.

Based at Lockheed Air Terminal, the new company will provide employment for 2700 people with an annual payroll in excess of \$7,000,000. Business volume is expected to exceed \$35,000,000 a year, compared to the first year's operation with both of the companies developing less than a million dollars worth of business.



Bob Prescott, left, and Tommy Grace, right, tie the knot uniting the world's largest air freight line. Center is Mary Whitney, "Miss World Trade."

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Live within your income and live without worry—and a lot of other things.

Gossip is making a mountain out of a molehill by piling on the dirt.

Summer: The season when children slam the doors they left open all winter.

The haughty dowager called at the hospital to see her injured chauffeur. "He's a very sick man," said the nurse. "Are you his wife?"

"Certainly not," the good woman blurted, "I'm his mistress."

Tiger Poll *By Lillian Colman*

QUESTION: Do you think husbands and wives should take separate vacations?

Victor Vychopen
 Manager, Rates and Tariffs

Depends on whether they are taking a vacation with, or a vacation from. Personally I always take a vacation with, so I believe husbands and their wives should not take separate vacations.



Charla Wright
 Secretary, General Sales

Oh by all means yes, separate vacations! It seems to me that a standard diet even of candy is tiresome. The reasons for taking separate vacations are so obvious that it seems unnecessary to enumerate them.



Don De Grasse
 General Accounting

I think it depends on how the individuals involved feel about it. If they fight like cats and dogs why bother going away together? They can stay at home and fight, it's a lot cheaper. On the other hand if they get along well, they probably will have a good time on a vacation together.



Al Hartstrom, Sheel Metal

If I could be guaranteed she would stay at home, then my answer would be yes. Though I doubt if I could stay at home if she'd go on vacation without me. I'd perhaps let her go on a vacation alone, because then I'd be on a vacation I'm not married.



May Walters, Receiving

Depends on the individuals. Some say they have to get away from each other. Personally I got married for companionship, so I don't feel that way. I don't know how I'll feel about it later on, but now I enjoy my husband's company to the utmost.



Jane Barba
 Clerk, Inspection Records

No. I don't think husbands and wives should go alone on vacation. It seems like you spend a lot of time together when you are courting, and I don't see why it has to change after you get married.



John Kozusko
 A & E Mechanic

Definitely yes, because they probably will appreciate each other more on their return. I am a bachelor, but I think it proves educational and toward the betterment of the home life.



I. A. Del Bagno
 Air Force Contract

I don't think they should take separate vacations, of course I should let it be known that I'm a newlywed, and that influences my thinking. It causes a better relationship to be together. Besides, I'm glad I got married, now I don't have to travel so far to see my girl, saves time and money.



Apparently He'd Be A Good Professor!

A few days after Bob Woodworth appeared as lecturer before a University of Southern California seminar, speaking — to no one's surprise — on "Air Freight Operations", he received the following letter from Sam Rubin, University professor in charge.

University of Southern California
University Park
Los Angeles 7

Mr. Robert V. Woodworth,
General Sales Manager,
The Flying Tiger Line, Inc.
Burbank, California.

Dear Bob:

May I at this time take the opportunity to express in writing what I expressed verbally to you on completion of your masterful presentation. You were tops. Of all the lecturers that have appeared on the scholastic platforms during my tenure at USC, you were and are head and shoulders above all of them.

I will say no more. I do want you to know how happy I was to have had you do the superior job which you did before a critical but keen seminar group — their reactions were most gratifying.

Again, my sincerest thanks for a job exceedingly well done.

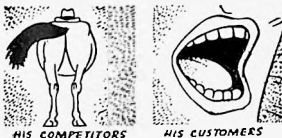
(Signed) Sam Rubin

A New Twist

When Los Angeles recently went on daylight saving time, this explanation for the origin of the custom came to light.

It all started many moons ago when an Indian chief cut off one end of his blanket and sewed it onto the other end to make the blanket longer.

THE SALESMAN, AS SEEN BY



24 YEAR OLD Mary Whitney, "Miss World Trade", who was one of the guests at the Open House and merger ceremonies, has just returned from a flight around the world to "sell" Southern California's trade to a dozen foreign markets. Mary, a stewardess on Pan American World Airways, flew via Flying Tiger-Slick air freighter from Lockheed Air Terminal, Burbank to New York, and the flight continued via PanAm Clipper. The flight was under the auspices of the L. A. Chamber of Commerce.

36 Sailors Take Unexpected Air Trip

By Jack Smith

Two good agents, two fine airlines, several phone calls, a Customs Inspector, a ship captain, Customer Service, and an air freight representative—mix well and serve. Result—36 sailors of all nationalities getting "home" to London with their excess baggage arriving on time for their use in bally old England.

Transmarine Navigation Corp., LAX, their Max Linder, Jr., arranged to move the seamen to England via air, as their ex-ship, the S. S. Darfield, recently went on the rocks and had to be towed into Todd Shipyard, San Pedro, for salvage. The sailors' passage was booked via a KLM charter from New York to England.

Comet Service, LGB, picked up the baggage which was cleared by Inspector Miller of U.S. Customs.

The men had a total of 84 pieces weighing 3668 lbs. which was granted space aboard an FTL DC-6A flight to New York. Stan Rouse of LAX Customer Service took care of these details for the salesman and the customer.

The ship's captain, a Mr. Leadbeater, and his first mate, Mr. Garland, and first engineer, Mr. Thomsen, rounded up the sailors, who in turn trundled their personal effects, sea bags, etc., down the gang plank to the PU truck.

What would normally have taken three weeks in transit time by surface methods was accomplished in less than four days, and there wasn't any worry as to where the men or equipment were. This is just another proof of what air freight is doing to bring the people of the world closer together.

Sam Says Merger Is Already Success

Sammy who snoops around at RML puts as much in his column with dots and other punctuation—or lack of it—as is often done with words—so the editor here—with publishes the column as it was received.

By Sam the Snooper

Ahhhh. Merger! We at RML have found out that the SLI boys aren't so bad after all. They don't breath fire and flame . . . they're just like us "Human Beings." They are interested in getting the freight and getting it moved. We think it's going to work out just a little bit of all right.

Sam snoops in the Sales department: Busy people . . . Hank Park . . . Atlanta, Ga. Drawl and all . . . Sli DSM and Doug Bush DSM out proving to the people that we are really merging. Pat Fenstermaker . . . Did you ever try and merger two sets of sales records???? BROTHER . . .

Operations . . . This is really busy . . .

Ted Schlegal . . . RML Agent . . . Hay . . . Flight Control just said to give the PHL to Sli and we are to give them the EWR . . . And they are giving us BUR and we are going to give them the SFO. What do we do with the BOS?????

Ed Trott FTL and Ed Hanavan SLI Midnite Agents . . . Meeting in the middle of the terminal trading airbills.

Note to all CREWS . . . The lunch room at RML now is open for Biz . . . 0700 to 1730. At long last we don't have to go to the four corners of the world to get that cup of MUD . . .

Hitching . . . The Trasker-Swathell Merger was held on May 8. May all their troubles be just money . . .

New cars . . . Bob Scherer RML meck . . . Sporting a new Garroway . . . Pontiac . . . to those who don't see TV at 0700 in the AM on the west coast.

Visitors . . . Ace Hunt . . . Sales Jim Carolan ops . . . giving RML the going over once lightly.

Welcome . . . to Jim Hill . . . new OPs manager at RML . . . CHI was never like this EH JIM?

Welcome to the new truck drivers, Bennie, Steve, Ray, and Chuck . . . It was really confusing those first few days, wasn't it boys?????

Ollie Ossco . . . Boy . . . you're really keeping thin aren't you. Riding that bike around between Wayne, Mich. and the Airport.

Quote of the Month . . . Anyone who tries to float to success is certain to end up at sea.



Part of the crowd of almost 3000 persons view the display at the Tiger-Slick Open House May 12.

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AUTOS FOR SALE

1950 PLYMOUTH sp. deluxe, 4 dr. sedan. Eng. comp. overhauled, good tires, some extras, clean. 1st class cond. \$800. Paul Hawkins, Ext. 266, FTL hangar.
 1949 DE SOTO club cpe. Radio, htr., seat covers, \$850. Can purch. thru Credit Union, \$40 per month. Jack Coveney, Ext. 233 SLI Bldg.
 1951 CADILLAC 61 series. Cib. cpe., grey, radio, heater, white side walls, good cond. \$5,000. m. \$2185. Car belongs to Lloyd Hoops. Call Leona, Credit Union.

MISCELLANEOUS

BIG BARGAIN! Getting married or engaged? Beautiful set of rings. See Leona, Credit Union, for buy of the year.
PARTY who had ad in Tiger Review for rental of 1 bdrm. apt. Bill Oevings, pls. contact Janet Savage, Ext. 230 SLI Bldg. She has been unable to contact you and is interested in apt.
BARGAIN DAY at Credit Union! Invest \$5 in your Credit Union and walk each day in peace of mind. We want your account. None too small or too large.
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THE REBEL'S RAMBLIN'S

By Clint Gill

Well, guys and gals, another year has rolled around and here we ball players are again ready to take the field to do battle with the best that the leagues in Burbank have to offer. This should really be "the year" for the Tigers, now that we have quite a few good ball players joining us from Slick. We are looking for another year like 1952 when the Tigers won 22 out of 24 ball games to capture the league and the play-offs.

I would like to mention the fellows on the club because it might make you want to come out and cheer them on, and after all, we sure could use the rooting section. From Slick we have: Bob Barden, Moe Scheller, Tom Kennedy, John Risickeller, Dick Jones, Ray Sackett, "Chuck" Weiss, Don Wolfe and E. Del Bagno. From the Tigers we have left over from last year: Jim Girch, Danny Barber, "Hank" Eddow, Dick Keenan and Joe Taeback. Also, returning from last year and in great form is our ace twirler, Joe Pitcher. Newly acquired on the club are: "Tex" Harding, "Spike" Mann, Dick Hagen, Carter Swart, W. W. Coon, Stan Miller, "Frenchy" Perreault, Walt Dawes and Bill Campbell.

We don't know what league we will get into yet, but whatever

league we do, it'll be tough trying to field a top-notch club, because of the rotating shift taking key players. I would like to say here and now that all positions are OPEN and that I will play the man best suited for his respective position regardless of who he is, whether he be from Slick or the Tigers, or what position he has with the Company.

This will be a monthly report from the manager of the softball team and I hope that I have good news to report every month. So, let's come out to the games and support the team. I will post the weekly schedule on the bulletin boards at the plant and in the offices so there won't be any excuse for anyone not knowing when or where we are playing!

World War II Buddies

Tommy Grace and Bob Prescott flew together in China—Prescott first as an ace with General Claire Lee Chennault's famed Flying Tiger squadron and then on the famous "Hump" airlift from India to China. There he met Tommy Grace, a lieutenant colonel and operations officer on the lift. After the war they separated but both got into air freight, where they were hard-fighting rivals. Now both are together again as the top administrative officers of the new company.

Cancer Society Drive At BUR Nets \$333

The results of the recent campaign for the American Cancer Society, ably conducted at Flying Tiger-Slick by Lloyd Sherman, show a gratifying \$333 donated by BUR-based employees. Assisting Lloyd in this worthwhile endeavor were Warren Dick, Doc Heron, Earl Peters, Vic Vychopen, Jerry Hackett, Charla Wright, Betty Meading, Art Schifferman, Jean Rusnack, Joyce Pocarro, Josephine Skochinski, Jimmy Morton, and Marion Bender.



"It's not a poor story on my part... you should have realized young man since I started buying U. S. Defense Bonds I'm floating on air!"