

TRANSPORT DIGESTGLENN H. MCCARTHY ADDED TO EASTERN'S BOARD:

Glenn H. McCarthy, of Houston, Tex., widely known oil man, has been named a member of the board of directors of Eastern Air Lines, Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker, president and general manager, announced today. Discoverer and operator of 23 oil and gas fields, or extensions in Texas in 10 years, McCarthy is the head of eight large corporations in the oil, natural gas and allied fields. He has been an ardent sponsor of the proposed \$14,000,000 International Airport for Houston which would give Houston one of the world's great air terminals.

PAN AM REDUCES FARES TO LATIN AMERICAN POINTS:

Juan Trippe, president of Pan American Airways, announced today that his company on Jan. 20 would reduce fares to Latin America which would cut as estimated \$2,500,000 from the cost of Latin American travel in 1947.

Proposed fare reductions applying to both one-way and round trips range from seven to \$39 for one-way trips, he stated. The fare from New York to Rio de Janeiro is reduced from \$472 to \$446 -- a saving of \$26, while \$21 is cut from the New York - Buenos Aires fare. Fares from the Miami gateway to Balboa drop from \$210 to \$99 and to Kingston, Jamaica from \$70 to \$57. The present fare between Miami and Caracas is \$145 and the new fare will be \$130. The fare from Havana to Barranquilla is reduced from \$115 to \$94 and that from Havana to Kingston is reduced from \$58 to \$48. Trippe said the reductions affected more than 3,000 specific fares.

"Time and costs", Trippe said, "have always been the two greatest barriers to travel. The airplane has largely removed the first of these barriers. Reduction of passenger rates seems the only means of removing the second."

He outlined the percentages of increased costs in many other fields, including 52% in essential consumer goods, as being one of the reasons why airlines in general recently have been suffering from a decrease in passenger traffic.

Pan American said the fare reductions slated for Jan. 20 represented the fourth reduction in fares to Latin America since V-J Day, representing a combined total savings to travelers of \$5,000,000.

DELTA ADOPTS NEW PLAN FOR STEWARDESS PAY:

Delta Air Lines, Inc. has put in effect a new plan for paying airline stewardesses, patterned somewhat after the pilot pay plan of a base salary plus flight pay. The Delta plan calls for a base salary which advances with seniority and flight pay of \$1 per hour for any flying over and above 50 hours per month. During the first pay period under the new plan, the individual Delta stewardess made an average of \$12 per month more than formerly, while the company discovered increased efficiency permitted a reduction in the number of stewardesses on the staff, John L. Sutton, superintendent of passenger service stated.

KNILM MAKES FIRST BATAVIA - LOS ANGELES FLIGHT:

Royal Netherlands Indies Airways has completed its first contract flight from Batavia to Los Angeles, traversing the 9372-mile trans-Pacific air route with a Douglas DC-4 in 50 hours flying time. Capt. G. van Messel, senior pilot for KNILM, was in command of the flight which was via Biak, Kwajalein and Honolulu.

BETTS NAMED ASSISTANT TO PILOT:

Frederick G. Betts has been made assistant to Executive V.P. Paul E. Richter of TWA. With JWA 18 years, he most recently was executive assistant to E. Lee Talman.

FRYE IS AWARDED MEDAL FOR MERIT:

Secretary of War Patterson Saturday awarded the medal for merit, the nation's highest civilian award, to Jack Frye, president of Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc. The medal, presented to Frye by order of President Truman, was for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the united nations from December, 1941, to August, 1945."

TWA made more than 9,500 overseas military flights during the war. The War Department said the airline carried thousands of high ranking military personnel and wounded service men and many tons of urgently needed military supplies, cargo and mail.