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American Airlines has placed orders with Douglas Aircraft Company for three more 52-passenger DC-6B aircraft, C. R. Smith, president, announced today.

The airline already has on order 11 of the aircraft which will be larger and faster than the DC-6s now in service on the company's transcontinental routes.

Price of the three new planes, with spare parts, will be about \$3,500,000, bringing the price for the fourteen new planes to approximately \$16,500,000, Smith said. Delivery of the first of the fourteen is expected in February.

The DC-6B will have 1,200 more horsepower than the DC-6 now in use, and will be five feet longer. The extra power will make possible higher speed and an increase in payload of 4,500 pounds.

Seating capacity will be the same as in the DC-6s— 52 passengers and six lounge seats. The extra 61 inches in length of the DC-6B is to be used for cargo space.

Addition of the DC-6Bs will bring American's fleet to 155 aircraft, including the 14 DC-6Bs, 45 standard DC-6s, 4 DC-6 Air Coaches, 79 twin-engined Convairs and 13 DC-4 Airfreighters. American's completely postwar fleet of passenger planes is the largest of any airline in the world.

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