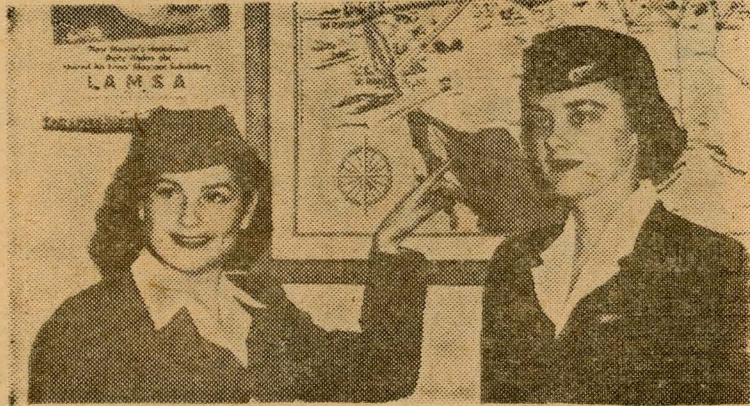


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THE FLIGHT SIDE



"WINGS ACROSS THE BORDER"—Photograph above was taken during the recently held "Wings Over the Nation" air festival at Long Beach, Calif., and attended by representatives of airlines operating in the United States, Mexico and Canada. Shown are Miss Evangelina Quintero (left) and Joan Charles who represented Lineas Aereas Mexicanas (L.A.M.S.A.) and United Air Lines.

Commercial aviation circles will concentrate their attention in the next few days on the meeting of the board of directors of American Airlines, Inc., which opens here tomorrow.

Some of the most important figures in the field of business and industry in the United States will arrive here this noon on board a special American Airlines Flagship which will make a direct flight from Oklahoma City.

Officials of the Mexican AA corporation, American Airlines de Mexico, are making every preparation to roll out the red carpet in Mexican fashion, complete with typical music bands and bouquets of Mexican flowers.

The director will establish their headquarters at the Hotel del Prado, where C. R. Smith, AA president, will hold a press conference this afternoon.

Arriving with President Smith will be: A. N. Kemp, James Bruce, Among G. Carter, Robert Miller, James A. Jackson, O. M. Mosier, Thomas M. Conroy, James H. Douglas, Jr., Edward H. Butler, Charles T. Fisher, Jr., Harold T. Ames, Charles S. Sheston, John W. Farley and Harry E. Benedict.

Edgar M. Queeny arrived here a few days ago, to take time out to inspect the Monsanto Mexicana plant established here. Queeny is also chairman of the board of Monsanto Chemical Co., of St. Louis, Mo.

Far better prepared equipment-wise than it was at the time of Pearl Harbor, the nation's scheduled commercial airline fleet is already playing a mounting role in hauling a variety of items connected with national defense.

According to S. E. Russ, director of cargo sales for Trans World Airlines this important type of cargo will soon account for approximately 25 percent of all of TWA's domestic freight and express business.

One reason, he explains, for the increase lies in the trend toward more and more dispersal of factories throughout the nation. This resulting in a virtual "assembly line in the sky" to effect final manufacture of many goods.

Machine parts, aircraft components, such as jet wing tanks, engines, tool and dies, precision instruments, electrical equipment, testing devices, and tabulating machines appear regularly on the airline's cargo manifests. TWA's route structure, serving 60 cities from coast-to-coast, links with other important manufacturing and distributing centers.

Blood plasma and whole blood and life-saving medicines destined for Korea also are winging on the way in increasing quantity. Even iron lungs are frequently moved overnight across the country on rush orders.

Time to take off...