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AVIATION NOTES

C.N.A.C. Increases Shanghai-Hong Kong Service: Owing to the increased passenger traffic, the China National Aviation Corporation has increased the schedule of their Sikorsky plane between Shanghai and Hong Kong from once a week to twice a week. This plane now leaves Shanghai every Tuesday and Saturday morning and leaves Hong Kong and Canton on the return flight every Wednesday and Sunday morning.

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C.N.A.C. Inaugurates Summer Service to Kiukiang: The China National Aviation Corporation inaugurated a special service between Shanghai and Kiukiang via Nanking on June 5 to take care of the visitors to the mountain resort at Kuling. Douglas Dolphins are being used on this run and leave Shanghai every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m. arriving at Nanking at 9 a.m. and Kiukiang at 11:30. The return flight leaves Kiukiang at 12 noon arriving at Nanking at 2 p.m. and Shanghai at 4.

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Tientsin-Tokyo Air Service Inaugurated: The Tientsin-Tokyo air service was inaugurated on June 1 by the Hwei Tung Company. According to the present schedule, planes leave Tientsin three times a week at 6:10 a.m. and arrive in Tokyo at 5 p.m. with stops at Dairen, Seoul and Fukuoka. The fare from Tientsin to Tokyo is yen 207.

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C.N.A.C. Buys Two New Planes: The China National Aviation Corporation has purchased two more Douglas planes which are due to arrive in Shanghai this month. The new planes are D. C.-2s which carry fourteen passengers and a crew of four. These planes will be added to the Shanghai-Chengtu line and the Shanghai-Peiping line providing additional services and making it possible to cut down somewhat on the use of older equipment.

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New Plane Arrives for Eurasia Aviation Corporation: A Junkers 52, which is the second plane of this type to be received this year by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation, arrived in Shanghai on May 27 after a successful flight from Berlin via India. Flying in easy stages, the trip required eight days. This is the sixth Junkers plane received by this company by this route.

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C.N.A.C. Plans Further Construction During 1937: The China National Aviation Corporation has announced plans for the construction of a large hangar and a modern up-to-date passenger station at Lunghwa Airdrome during this year. Plans are also completed for the construction of a ramp for the Sikorsky S-43 amphibian. Runways are also under construction at Nanking, Peiping and Tsingtao.

Aids to navigation to be constructed during the year include 19 radio beacon stations and installation of the Telefunken homing device in the four Douglas transports. The construction and improvement program for 1937 will cost approximately yuan 3 million.

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Aviation Notes

New Managing Director Appointed to C.N.A.C: Mr. Dai En-ki, who has been Managing Director and Vice President of the China National Aviation Corporation for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years, retired on June 1 and was replaced by Colonel Lin Wei-chin of the China Air Force. Since the China National Aviation Corporation is a Sino-American concern, the following letter submitted by Mr. Dai in connection with his resignation is of interest:

"Carrying out the transfer order of the Ministry of Communications I take the liberty to tender you this farewell letter and beg to offer, in the following my humble opinion for your consideration.

"On assuming charge of this office, the company was operating at an annual deficit of more than yuan 480,000 but at the end of the coming fiscal year the company will have an estimated profit of more than yuan 500,000. There has been some criticism of the company, as there will always be of any similar enterprise, yet the irrefutable fact remains that C.N.A.C.'s record is 'Safety First,' economy and profit building. The following facts should be given the widest publicity for the C.N.A.C:

1. The C.N.A.C. today is flying considerably more than 60% of all the commercial air transport in this country. It is significant that no other aviation enterprise of importance in the world has a record in any way comparable with that of the C.N.A.C.
2. During the last five years the C.N.A.C. has carried more than 41,000 passengers without the loss of a single Chinese, and only one foreign passenger fatality. This is a record that no similar aviation enterprise in the world can equal.
3. The C.N.A.C. is the only large air transport company in the world which is operating without government subsidy.

"The credit of all these should be given to the wise and far-sighted policy of the Board, the sincere co-operation of the American associates and untiring efforts of all staffs of the corporation. To my great satisfaction, in addition to the above success, the recent inauguration of the Trans-Pacific Air Service by the Pan American Airways System linking up with our Shanghai-Canton route at Hong Kong and thus bringing China and the United States closer by air, sets a new record in the history of communications of this country.



"From the little experience accumulated during these four and half years with the Corporation, I may be permitted to conclude that the success of the Company's business depends entirely on the close co-operation from all sides and coordination among staffs. Most of the staffs have been in this company for years and all of them, as you know are working hard and willingly. In order to facilitate the smooth working in all departments of this Corporation it is absolutely necessary that the security of the staffs be maintained. It is unwise to follow, in a commercial enterprise, the practices of the political organization.

"I am very happy of the C.N.A.C.'s record and feel that my countrymen may also feel the same. I hope that the C.N.A.C. will go on under the management of my successor to ever greater success, and I avail myself of this opportunity to express also my sincere gratitude for courteous assistance so readily given to me from time to time during these four and half years."

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Pan-American Airways' Traffic Manager Plans Promote China Air Travel:

Following a tour over the China National Aviation Corporation's lines, Mr. K. A. Kennedy, Traffic Manager of the Pacific Division of the Pan-American Airways, informed the press that he planned to push air travel in China in the 40 countries now serviced by Pan-American. The following is quoted from the press report of Mr. Kennedy's trip in China:

"He left San Francisco aboard one of his company's Clipper ships on April 16. Seven days later, he was in Hong Kong, ready and eager to explore China through its air routes. He flew to Peiping, Canton, and Chengtu, seeing, in these visits, the panorama sights of the Yangtze Gorges, the Temple of Heaven and the Street of Jade with comfort and speed.

"Last Thursday, he gazed on the mountains of Tibet, ate in a Chinese restaurant in Chengtu. Next Thursday, with some 23,000 miles of flying during his month of travel to his credit he will look upon the misty horizon of the Golden Gate and have lunch with his family in San Francisco. That's what he did and that's what every modern traveler can do in a combined business and pleasure trip to China, he said.

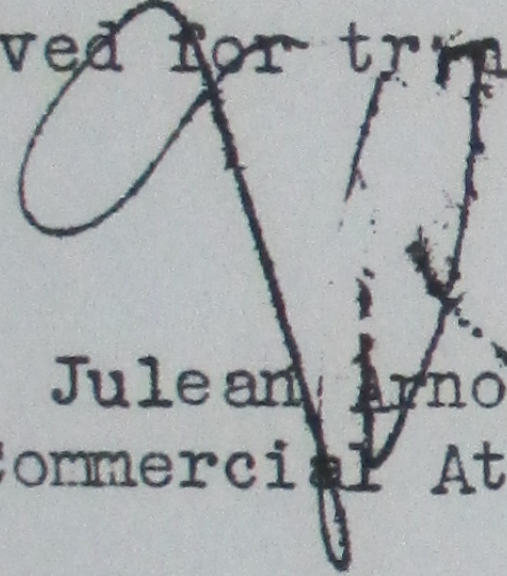


"During his flying jaunts to various parts of China, Mr. Kennedy found that the high standard of safety, modern equipment and efficient service maintained by the C.N.A.C. compares favorably with that of any leading aviation firm of the world. Already, he said, this good reputation has spread abroad and as a result increasingly more people in different countries are inquiring about the details of a flying trip through China."

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