

India To Nationalize Airlines by April 1

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NEW DELHI (AP)—India has set April 1 as the target date for starting nationalization of its internal and international airlines.

At the same time the government has increased its pressure on the United States and other countries with airlines operating to India, for curtailment of their services to give India a greater share of the international travel business.

India has nine privately operated airlines and one government company.

Patterned after the British system, India plans two state-owned corporations, one to handle its internal air services, and the other its international routes.

India's government has two stout clubs backing its nationalization program.

One was the threat to cut off government subsidies which since India's independence have kept the private airlines alive. The other was the withholding of government loans to finance the purchase of modern trans-

ports to replace existing equipment, most of it dating back to the Second World War.

The nationalization scheme involves payment of an estimated 40,000,000 rupees (\$8,400,000) to shareholders of the private companies, against paid-up capital of 60,000,000 rupees (\$12,600,000) in the nine airlines.

Boss of India's international air services is J. R. D. Tata, Bombay industrialist and president head of Air India, International, the country's Bombay-to-London air service, and of Air India, the nation's largest internal airline.

Selection of a chairman for the internal airlines corporation is still under discussion.

With the approach of nationalization, India is seeking a guaranteed market, especially for its international air services.



USING A BIG MORTAR and pestle, Ciceron Zepeda learns to grind glazing materials which he will use later in his village pottery shop in the Philippines. Watching him is Mrs. Mary Risley (left), a United Nations technical assistance adviser from the United States, who supervises a training course at a workshop in Manila. Mrs. Risley introduced a chemical glazing process to the village potters.

Board of Trade Favors Election if Socreds Fall

VANCOUVER (CP)—President Ralph C. Pybus says the Vancouver Board of Trade favors a new provincial election rather than have the CCF form the government if Social Credit is defeated during the present session of the Legislature.

"At the last election nearly 70 per cent of the electors voted for free enterprise parties," said Mr. Pybus. "Surely it should not be considered that a period of socialist administration is an acceptable alternative without a new reference to the voters."

He referred to an earlier statement in the house that the Liberals would rather see the CCF form a government than for B.C. to have another election now.

Mr. Pybus said B.C.'s progress industrially depends on keeping a strong flow of investment capital coming into the province.

"It would be harmful should investors come to the erroneous conclusion . . . that this province is on the verge of having a socialist administration," he added.

Alcoa to Renew Request For Use of Water

NEW YORK (AP)—Officials of Aluminum Company of America said Tuesday the company's proposed aluminum project using power from the Yukon River "is still very much a live issue as far as we are concerned."

Resources Minister Robert Winters said in Ottawa Monday he had informed Alcoa, the Canadian Government cannot consider its proposal to use water of the Yukon River to power a projected Alaska aluminum plant.

Alcoa officials said, however, they hope to renew negotiations soon with the Canadian government for permission to use the water.

Air Force Leaders Main Target in Senate Report

WASHINGTON (AP)—A blistering Senate report has charged needless waste of hundreds of millions of dollars and time and efforts of thousands of Americans in constructing overseas military bases.

The much-censored document was released by Senators Russell Long (Dem.-La.) and Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.), former members of the armed services committee which investigated the multi-billion-dollar overseas defense planning program.

The senators called for a complete overhaul of the project and questioned whether even then it would enable the United States and its allies to retaliate against a surprise enemy attack.

Challenging the "adequacy and wisdom of this nation's high-level planning," the two-man report aimed most of its criticism at air force leaders.

It dealt equally harshly with some European allies, who were said to be gouging the U.S. and its servicemen on supplies and necessities.

The desire of other allies to co-operate or even to fight to defend themselves was questioned with these words:

"It is our feeling that the United States has made a fundamental mistake in departing from the sound principle that the only people who deserve freedom are those willing to fight for it."

"In many of the agreements consummated up to this time, our government has been asked to contribute altogether too much and our allies too little," the report said.

A section dealing with agreements with France was deleted because of objections by the state and defense departments.

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