

DC3, World's Most Famous Airliner, Refuses To Retire

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Washington — The world's most famous airliner refuses to retire.

That would be the DC3. The 25-year-old transport plane is known as the C47 to the Air Force, the Dakota to the British, R4D to the Navy—and "the best plane ever built" to thousands of pilots.

Recently the International Air Transport association found that 694 DC3s are still being used in scheduled passenger service throughout the world, more than any other single type. For a plane designed a quarter century ago, that is the most remarkable record in aviation history. The Douglas Aircraft Co.

began building the DC3 in 1933. It turned out nearly 12,000 and half of them are still flying. About 250 are used by 22 scheduled airlines in the United States.

Carries Many Passengers
Douglas estimates that the DC3 has carried nearly 500 million passengers in the past 25 years.

The DC3 always has been a "pilot's plane." Easy to handle, untemperamental, responsive as a baby carriage and almost completely forgiving of mistakes made in the cockpit. Its one fault: Leaks in the cockpit windshields during rain, which led one pilot to radio "light rain outside, heavy rain inside."

It is one of the strongest planes ever built.

A year ago, a frontier airlines DC3 ripped 12 feet from its left wing when it hit a mountain. The pilot turned around and flew 40 miles back to an airport.

The DC3 was designed to carry 21 passengers and a crew of three. Later models carried 26 passengers.

Used in World War II
In World War II, a DC3, operated by a Chinese airline took off with 74 passengers aboard.

Other DC3s have been known to carry 60 persons. Domestic airlines limit the DC3 to a gross take-off weight of a little more than 25,000 pounds. During the war, the Air Transport Command regularly flew its DC3s with a gross weight of 31,000 pounds

WRITER DIES
Brookline, Mass. — Donald Moffat, 63, book and magazine writer, died at his home here Sunday. He was a frequent contributor to the New Yorker and other periodicals.

and they have been known to fly safely with 35,000.

The DC3 was a Godsend to the nation's struggling airlines in the early 30s. One airline president called it "the first plane that could make money just hauling passengers."

Five years after it was introduced by American Airlines and TWA, the DC3 comprised 90 per cent of America's commercial air fleet.

No pilot was surprised when the plane also became an aerial workhorse in World War II. DC3s flew millions of tons of wartime cargo, served as airborne ambulances, flew paratroopers into combat and became a welcome sight at allied airfields all over the world.

Europe Makes Ready For Recession In Case Decline Spreads From U. S.

London — The U. S. recession so far has stayed on its own side of the Atlantic. But Europe is getting ready for economic trouble—just in case.

A United Press survey showed today that Western European nations have suffered few, if any, effects of America's economic trouble. And countries which have been hit are not even close to serious trouble.

Despite rising unemployment figures in the United States, more American tourists than ever are expected to spend their vacations—and money—in Europe during the summer season.

Possibly the country with the most economic problems is Britain. Unemployment is on the rise and some sections

of the nation's economy have been hard hit. But the overall figures do not show any significant downward trend.

Aid To Unemployed
However the government is gearing itself to take measures if a recession does hit Britain.

Last week the government announced it will pay household expenses for transferring an unemployed person to an area where there are jobs available and pay for half the legal fees involved in getting a new house.

Other Western European countries seem to be relatively unaffected. Some are even prospering.

No Effect on France
France is unaffected by the U. S. recession although outgoing Finance Minister

Pierre Pflimlin warned shortly before Premier Felix Gaidard's fall on April 15 that a prolonged American slump would hurt the French economy.

Italy, too, has not been affected, and is not likely to be. In fact, foreign trade is going steadily up despite a slight slump in sales of steel and some other products.

The same form holds true with Germany, Austria and other nations.

There has been no noticeable effect in Germany, although some exporters are feeling the recession as the volume of orders drops. However, the government has not yet taken any action since most economists agree it is not yet necessary.

Indians Win Issue Of Turnpike Fee

Syracuse, N.Y. — The Indians won a new battle with the paleface Saturday.

Four Tuscaroras arrived in Syracuse via the New York state thruway to continue moves to protest a state plan to take over 1,300 acres of their land.

The car, driven by Clark Rickard, 28, drove up to exit 36 on the thruway.

An attendant asked for \$1.75.

The Indians drew out a copy of McKinney's "Consolidated Laws of New York" and pointed out that members of the Six Nations could "travel free on any turnpike from Canadigua leading to or from Buffalo Creek."

The attendant signaled to another attendant. Both were stumped.

A state trooper was called. He was perplexed.

The trooper called his superior. The superior was non-plussed.

The superior called trooper headquarters in Albany.

"Let them through," headquarters said.

The trooper signed a report for the thruway toll booth describing the incident as "an unscheduled occurrence."

Migrant Worker Survey Planned

Salem — Twelve Willamette University students leave today with Mark Infante, director of the migrant labor survey of the Oregon State Bureau of Labor, to interview migrant workers in eastern Oregon.

The students are completing survey work for the Governor's Inter-Agency committee on migrant labor headed by Cecelia Gayley, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation commission.

The students will return to campus Monday after interviews in the Ontario and Nyssa areas.

Portland Offers New Boat Landing

Portland — Boaters from Astoria and Lewiston, Idaho and up the Willamette to Eugene were notified Saturday that Portland has opened its first free public small boat landing and it's within walking distance of the downtown shopping and theater district.

Five hundred feet of mooring space adjacent to the Hawthorne bridge were dedicated Saturday by Mayor Terry Schruk at a site that is within five minutes walking distance of restaurants, theaters, shops and other metropolitan attractions. Visiting small boats may tie up at the dock without charge for 48 hours.

SUPPORTS AUTONOMY

Harriman, N.Y. — The 13th American Assembly ended its four-day session at Arden House Sunday with a strong stand in favor of African self-determination. The assembly was composed of 60 business leaders, government officials and area specialists.

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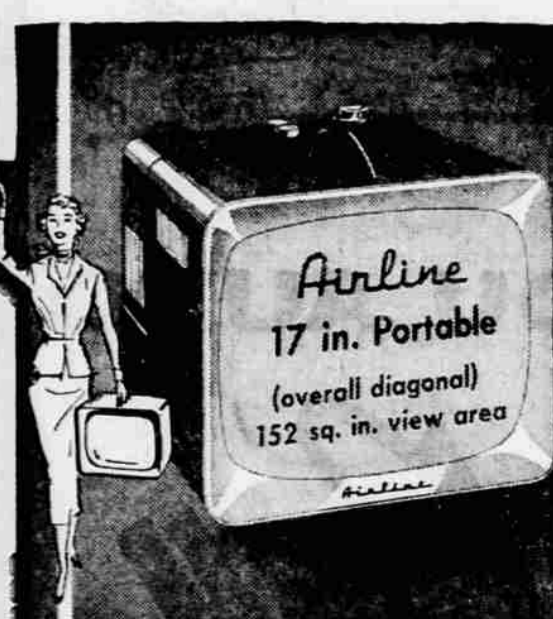


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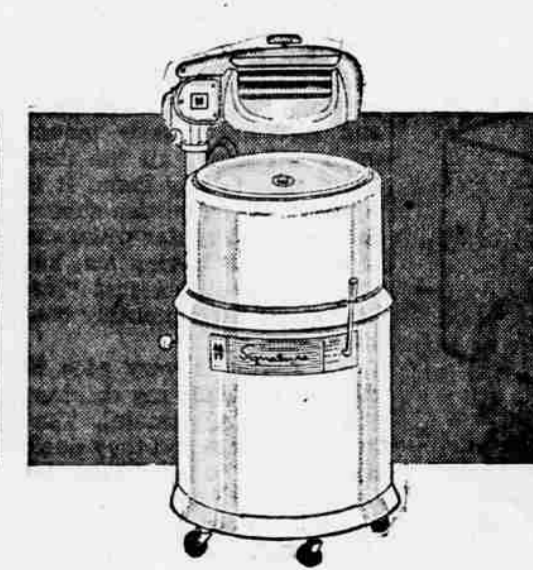
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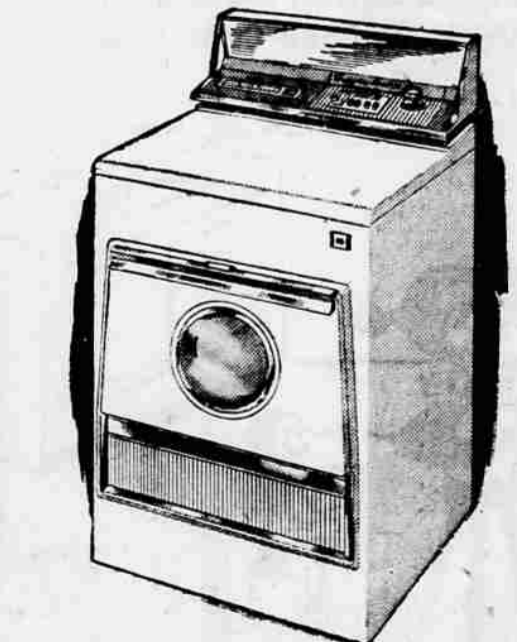
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