

CAB Studies Biggest Airline Merger in Aviation History



MERGER PLANNED—T. D. Neelands Jr., president of Capital Airlines (left), and W. A. Patterson, president of United Air Lines, are shown at a press conference in Washington Thursday at which they abandoned the merger of the two firms. They said the agreement was approved by the Vickers-Armstrong Ltd., which holds \$34 million in mortgages on Capital equipment. (UPI Telephoto)

Plans of United, Capital Face Stiff Opposition

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United Press International
Washington (UPI)—The biggest airline merger in commercial aviation history was before the Civil Aeronautics board (CAB) today where it faced stiff opposition from other carriers.

It would bring together United Airlines, the nation's fourth largest carrier, and Capital Airlines, the fifth biggest. The combined firm would be called United Air Lines.

The proposed merger was announced Thursday by United President W. A. Patterson and Capital Board Chairman Thomas D. Neelands Jr. It followed five weeks of secret negotiations.

Although the merger would save Capital from almost certain bankruptcy, the consolidation faced strong opposition from such airlines as American, Trans World and Eastern.

By acquiring Capital's routes and some of its planes, United would move into enough new cities and areas to threaten American's position as the country's biggest airline.

The deal—which must win CAB approval—would be more of an acquisition than a merger. It, effect it would end Capital's 33-year existence.

Of Capital's 96-plane fleet, United planned to retain only 41 Viscounts with 15 of the prop-jets being returned to Vickers-Armstrong of England as partial payment for \$34 million mortgage of the British aircraft manufacturer holds on Capital's equipment.

Vickers, which promised to support the merger proposal, also would receive about \$29 million in cash or stock.

The CAB was informed of the merger proposal before Patterson and Neelands announced it to the press. This was done "as a common courtesy," Patterson told reporters.

Other Disclosures
The joint news conference also revealed:
—No decision has been made on how many of Capital's 7,840 employees will be retained.

—Capital and United stockholders will vote on the merger before the end of October, with the CAB expected to act by February, 1961.

—Capital shareholders would receive one share of United common stock and a five-year warrant to buy one and one-half shares of United at \$40 per share for each seven shares of Capital common stock.

—United would support Capital's pending petition to the CAB to drop service to a number of cities where traffic volume has been low.

The size of the airlines involved would make it the biggest merger ever consummated. Previous airline "marriages" have involved Eastern and Colonial, Delta and Chicago-Southern, and Braniff and Mid-Continent. The CAB currently is weighing a proposed merger between TWA and Northeast.

WINS CONTRACT
Salem (UPI)—Warren Northwest, Inc., Portland, today was given a State Highway commission contract for \$563,825 to grade and pave 3.30 miles of the Tualatin Valley Highway east of Hillsboro. The Hillsboro-Reedville section project also involves construction of a 210-foot concrete deck girder bridge.



LONE DISSENER—Delegate Edward Meyer (left, center), of San Angelo, Texas, was, for a few moments, the only delegate to the GOP National Convention Thursday who refused to cast his vote for Vice Presidential Nominee Henry Cabot Lodge. Meyer, a rancher, called Lodge "too much of a liberal." He finally gave up when swarmed by newsmen and yelled to the group chairman, "If you want to make it unanimous, go ahead." Then he turned to newsmen, saying, "Now just leave me alone." (UPI Telephoto)

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Stocks Boosted by \$5 Billion Rally

New York (UPI)—Stocks got one of their sharpest boosts of the year today with a rally that restored more than \$5 billion to market valuations.

Brokers noted that market sentiment had improved markedly since the Federal Reserve Board cut the stock margin from 90 to 70 per cent late Wednesday afternoon.

Buying was well represented throughout the list and laggards were few and far between.

DOW-JONES
New York (UPI)—Dow-Jones final stock averages 30 industrials 616.73, up 11.06; 20 railroads 135.26, up 1.40; 15 utilities 92.83, up 0.66, and 65 stocks 203.92, up 2.88. Sales today were about 2,730,000 shares compared with 3,020,000 shares Thursday.

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Anaconda Copper 49 1/2

Services Set For Veteran Newsman
Washington (UPI)—Funeral services were planned today for George Rothwell Brown, 80, political writer for the Hearst newspapers, who died Thursday night in Chicago.

The veteran newsman, whose political reporting dated back to the 1908 nomination of William Howard Taft for president, was in Chicago covering the Republican national convention. He died in his hotel room after suffering a stroke.

Titan Drops After Springing Leak
Cape Canaveral, Fla. (UPI)—A Titan intercontinental ballistic missile apparently sprang a leak in its fuel tank Thursday and traveled only 100 miles of its scheduled 5,000-mile flight.

The 98-foot rocket, only a few months from the war-ready stage, plunged into the Atlantic ocean east of here.

Lodge Becomes Grandfather For Eighth Time

Chicago (UPI)—Henry Cabot Lodge and his wife learned they were grandparents for the eighth time as they sat on the platform at the Republican National Convention Thursday night.

A United Press International dispatch from Boston reporting the birth of an eight-pound one-ounce son to Mrs. Henry Sears Lodge came across the wires at the Amphitheater shortly after the elder Lodge delivered his vice presidential speech.

The dispatch was passed to Robert F. Greenaway, editor of the Dekalb, Ill., Chronicle, sitting in the front row of the press box, who handed it up to Mrs. Lodge. She in turn gave it to her husband to read to her.

"It's wonderful," Mrs. Lodge said.

Lodge was less excited. He said it was his eighth grandchild, and Henry's third son, and beside he the candidate nothing to do with it anyway.

A copy of the dispatch later was made available to Vice President Richard M. Nixon who informed the convention of the news.

Detroit (UPI)—Robert P. Scherer, 53, inventor and manufacturer who popularized the gelatin capuling of vitamins and medicines in the 1930's, died Wednesday after a brief illness.

Corps of Competent Actors Present Bard's 'Richard II'

It is a tradition that each season the Oregon Shakespearean festival at Ashland presents one of the history plays, and in an election year, "The Life and Death of King Richard II" seems particularly fitting. In the United States at this time one leader is passing from the scene and others are coming to the fore; in "Richard II," Shakespeare tells the story of the deposing of a king and the rise to power of another.

At the period of English history covered in the play, the change was accomplished by an uprising and considerable bloodshed in the United States today changes of leadership come in an orderly and democratic fashion and the political intrigue leads to the ballot box and not to the sword. However, Shakespeare would have us believe that the changes took as much oratory in those days as it does now.

Herculean Task
Producing one of the Bard's historical plays must be an Herculean task. The casts are large and unwieldy, the dialogue sometimes fails to carry the watcher along with the trend of events and some play goers suffer from a sense of confusion and frustration. On the other hand, the plays carry the force of history, and the drama of empires; richly staged, as they are in Ashland, they have great impact.

Director Richard D. Rizzo, and Douglas Russell, costumer, have used stunning color and grand tableaux effects to augment the power of Shakespeare's lines in "Richard II."

There are no stars in this play, but rather a corps of competent actors. William Kinsolving plays Richard, the monarch who was charged with being "Landlord of England and thou now; not king"; and who was brought to his downfall because he truly believed in the divine right of kings to do as they pleased. Kinsolving plays the role with dignity and considerable stage graces. In the final scenes he evokes the sympathy of the audience as the character is meant to do. This actor delivers his lines with such deliberateness that he gives the impression of composing them himself and not merely repeating something written by another. At times this is effective, at other times it is not.

Christopher Newton makes Lord Bolingbroke, who leads the revolt against Richard and sets himself up as king, an arrogant and ambitious man. The audience sees a man who finds it easy to convince himself that the present king should be deposed, providing however that he is to be the successor.

Dramatic Impact
The ability of these two players to build a scene with great dramatic impact comes out when the deposed Richard is ordered to place his crown on the head of a man who is replacing him on the throne. Charles Taylor's interpreta-

tion of John of Gaunt is finely etched and his playing of the scene with the king before his (Gaunt's) death is particularly meaningful.

As Edmund, Duke of York, Gerard Larson sustained a high level of performance throughout the entire drama in the role of the man torn between loyalty to his king and loyalty to his family. Larson succeeds in giving a clear picture of a man physically frail but staunch of spirit and with much strength of character.

Gives Opportunity
There is one thing to be said about the Shakespearean historical plays—the large casts give many actors an opportunity for a place in the sun. There are leading roles, minor roles, character roles and single scenes which give many players, particularly young men, a chance to show their ability.

In last night's performance praise is due Mark Hammer for his strong delineation of the Earl of Northumberland and to Charles Whitman for his playing of the Duke of Aumerle. Whitman's poise in the role is an improvement over his work of last season.

The production of these historical plays requires a strong and consistent support from the many lesser characters in order to bring the story into focus and to provide a setting for the kings and nobles. It is supplied this year by such players as Graham Woodruff, Tom Vail and Don Essary playing the favorites of Richard, and Milton Fuchs, as the Bishop of Carlisle.

Women of the play are of lesser importance, but cast is more than adequate. Shirley Cox makes an appealing queen to King Richard, and Ann Hackney gives a forceful performance as the Duchess of York who pleads with King Richard for the life of her son. Shirley Patton has a brief scene as the Duchess of Gloucester.

A score or more of additional players, both men and women, serve to accent the plot and fill in the setting.

As produced by Director Rizzo, the play opens on a note so low as almost to be monotonous, and it seems a long time before it gathers steam. However, there is purpose in this. With a play so long, and with so many potentially violent and emotionally filled scenes, if it was produced in any other fashion, both the actors and the audience would be exhausted ere the play ended.

When an audience in the Ashland festival theater interrupts the action to applaud, it is the highest praise for the director, the players and the production staff. This occurred some six or eight times.—O.S.

Singer's Valet Faces Charges

Los Angeles (UPI)—A formal complaint charging John Hopkins, valet for singer Sammy Davis, Jr., with assault and battery of a parking lot attendant will be served on him upon his return from the east, police said today.

Detective D. J. Furlong signed the complaint, filed as an aftermath of an incident in a night club parking lot May 14. After an investigation, police declined to file a citation against actor Frank Sinatra, accused by a parking lot attendant of pushing him.

Attendant Edward E. Moran, 21, claimed Hopkins hit him five or six times in the face.

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