

PROFIT FOR AUTAIR

AN operating profit of £503,000 and a net profit after depreciation of £217,000 were recorded by Autair International for the year ended September 30, 1968. The annual report of Court Lines, of which Autair is a wholly owned subsidiary, hints at current uncertainties in the operation of UK domestic services, and argues that a national policy for domestic services "will surely emerge" as a result of the Edwards Committee report. "In the light of this, our future policy will be formulated." Autair's domestic services are to operate into Heathrow instead of Luton from April 1. The report shows that additions to the Autair fleet during the year under review—three One-Elevens—are valued at £3,755,553.

ATLANTIS UNCERTAINTY

ONLY a few days after President Nixon had given his approval to the grant of inclusive-tour rights in the USA for Atlantis, Germany's newest charter operator, the airline was told by the Federal Ministry of Economics in Bonn that it would be "against public transport interests" to permit these rights to be used. The company had planned to operate a total of 23 charter flights to the USA this summer, starting in early May and using two DC-8s, and had already signed firm contracts with tour organisers who are offering round trips, including seven nights in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, for less than £95. According to the company manager, Tilman J. Uhlig, former sales manager of Südflug (the charter operator which was taken over by Lufthansa last year) the company plans to take legal action against the Ministry unless the latter reverses the decision. Atlantis has just moved its head offices from Stuttgart to Frankfurt and plans to increase its capital to about £1.5 million.

Autair Scheduled Sales Mr Michael Clark has been appointed sales manager, scheduled services, for Autair International Airways. He was previously area manager for MacRobertson Miller Airlines of Australia.

Westward's Base Although their registered address is in Plymouth, the operating base of Westward Airways is at Newquay Airport, alias RAF St Mawgan (see "Airport Links Approved" in the issue for February 27, page 318).

Air Canada Change Mr H. W. Seagram, who was earlier expected to succeed Mr G. R. McGregor as president of Air Canada, has been named first vice-president of the airline. He will be responsible to the chairman and chief executive officer, Mr Yves Pratte, primarily for long-term planning and re-equipment policy, while the president, Mr J. R. Baldwin, looks after the day-to-day administration.

TriStar Sales Mr James N. Robinson has joined the European and Middle East sales team of Lockheed in Paris, which works in conjunction with Air Holdings in London on the non-US sales of the L-1011 TriStar. He was previously, for 12 years, regional manager of international sales with Boeing and before that was assistant technical director of IATA.

Top BOAC Executive for MSA Mr David Craig, BOAC's senior general manager, is to be managing director and board member of Malaysia-Singapore Airlines, a BOAC associate, on long-term secondment. He takes up the appointment next month. Mr Craig joined BOAC 26 years ago and afterwards served for 17 years with BEA, during which, as BEA's nominee, he was a director of Alitalia, which he helped to found and organise. He has been a member of BOAC's board of management since 1964.

Air France in the UK In line with the overall sales-decentralisation policy, Air France's management in Britain, under Mr Jean de Gennes, general manager for the UK and Ireland, has been separated into "headquarters" and "field" sectors. At HQ level, Mr Joseph Gabizon has been appointed marketing manager and Mr Egerton Walker, as traffic manager, is responsible for sales administration. At the field level, Mr Louis Bigot, as passenger sales manager, will direct six sales teams in the UK. In the new organisation Mr Gennes will be assisted by Mr Leslie Strachan as deputy manager (commercial).

JAL Executive Changes Mr Teruo Godo, formerly executive vice-president of Japan Air Lines, has taken over the chairmanship. Mr Kogoro Uemura, the chairman since 1963, has resigned to take up another appointment, but will remain as a consultant to the board. Mr Shisuma Matsuo will remain as president of the airline, a position he has held since 1961. Mr Godo's former position will be filled by Mr Shizuo Asada, formerly senior vice-president. In addition, managing directors Mr Goro Tominaga (maintenance), Mr Susumu Saito (operations) and Mr Yasumoto Takagi (sales), have been elected senior vice-presidents.

Air Jamaica Executives Named A six-man management team for Air Jamaica (1968), the new company formed by the Jamaican Government and Air Canada which starts operations on April 1, has now been named. Under Mr John McGill, managing director, they are: Mr A. E. Candy (operations); Mr Guillermo G. Machado (sales and service); Capt E. Ralph Leek (flight operations); Mr Douglas H. Clifford (technical services); Mr Michael E. Lazarus (personnel and administration); and Mr Thomas W. DeWolf (finance). Mr Machado and Mr Lazarus, both Jamaicans, were respectively general manager and operations manager of the earlier Air Jamaica; the other four members of the team are experienced Air Canada executives.

Left, the Viscount 800 operated by Channel Airways on the Southend-Aberdeen stopping service has been painted with the words "Scottish Flyer". The airline's single HS.748, G-ATEI, has been similarly re-styled for the operation. Right, this BAC One-Eleven 400, G-AVGP, seen recently at Hurn, Bournemouth, has been flying in Autair colours while being used for crew training by the airline. It was the first One-Eleven to be delivered to Channel and has since been seen in the colours of Dominicana

