

WORLD AIRLINE SURVEY . . .

Airways DC-4. Operations include ground-handling services at Beirut International Airport and passenger and freight charter services. Major shareholder is the president. *Head Office:* PO Box 1331, Lazarich Building, Beirut, Lebanon. *Executives:* Marouf Shaar, president. Vice-presidents: T. Assily, administration; W. Hamdan, sales; K. Nammour, operations; E. Melki, engineering. *Fleet:* two DC-3.

Lebanese International Airways was formed in 1950 and acquired by the Arida brothers in 1953, each having a 40% holding. Scheduled passenger services were restarted in 1956 and now connect Beirut with Milan, Paris, Zürich, Brussels, Bombay, Kuwait, Baghdad, Bahrain, Doha and Teheran. In March 1967 a pool agreement was concluded with MEA which will result in a complete merger of the two carriers. *Head Office:* Esseyli Building, Riad Solh Square, Beirut, Lebanon. *Executives:* Carlos Arida, president; Alphonse Arida, executive vice-president. Vice-presidents: W. van de Bunt, system general manager; Fernand Nakhle, commercial; Ramez Melhem, finance/administration. *Employees:* 600. *Fleet:* two Convair 990A, three DC-7C. On order: one CV990A.

LEBCA—see **Linea Expresa Bolivar CA.**

Leeward Islands Air Transport Services Ltd was formed in 1956 as a subsidiary of BWIA, who hold 51% of the shares. In 1959 St Vincent Government Air Services were absorbed into LIAT. Services are operated throughout the Leeward and Windward Islands and to Trinidad, Guadeloupe and Puerto Rico. *Head Office:* 42/44 St Mary's Street, St Johns, Antigua, West Indies. *Executives:* Sir P. Hobson, chairman; F. S. Delisle, managing director; Capt E. A. King, chief pilot. *Employees:* 129. *Fleet:* two HS.748, one DC-3, two Twin Otter, four Twin Bonanza.

Lennard Aviation—see **Skywork Ltd.**

Lentohuolto O/Y operate taxi and charter services in Finland. *Head Office:* Malmi Airport, Helsinki, Finland. *Executive:* Roland Freund, managing director. *Employees:* 43. *Fleet:* one Aero Commander, one Mooney Mark 20, five Cessna 150, one 172, one 206, one 185, one 195.

Leopard Air Ltd was formed in October 1965 to operate charter, air-taxi and flying training services. Operations started on April 1, 1965. The company also holds the Cessna agency for Malawi. Base is at Tennett Field, Luchenza near Blantyre. *Head Office:* PO Box 70, Cholo, Malawi. *Executives:* R. G. Cathcart Kay, chairman; William L. Stone, secretary. *Fleet:* two Cessna 150, one 182, one 206, one Tiger Moth. On order: two Cessna 172.

An Argentine Air Force DC-3 lands at Ushuaia while in the service of LADE, the airline operated by the Air Force

Liberian National Airlines Inc is the successor to Liberian National Airways, the Government-owned carrier which began operations in 1952 with services from Monrovia and Robertsfield internally and to Freetown, Sierra Leone. Liberian Government invited the French independent airline UTA to take over the management with effect from January 1, 1965. *Head Office:* Robertsfield, Liberia. *Executives:* Hon Romeo A. Horton, president; Claude F. Grevent, general manager. *Fleet:* two DC-3.

Libiavia—see **Nord Africa Aviazione SpA.**

Libyan Aviation was formed in 1960 to operate aircraft on oil-exploration support activities and started operations in July of that year. Operational, technical and general management of Libyan Aviation is in the hands of Metropolitan Air Movements Ltd. *Head Office:* PO Box 33, Benghazi, Libya. *Executives:* A. M. Bugezia, chairman; Capt B. L. R. Pocock, director (MAM); C. H. J. Bos, general manager (MAM). *Employees:* 25. *Fleet:* 13 DC-3, four Beech 18, one Aero Commander 560, one Cessna 180, two 185, one 170, one Super Widgeon.

Libyan National Airways SAL (Linair) was formed in 1962 by Libyan interests and Sabena to provide charter and oil-prospecting support operations in Libya. In July 1965 Belgian International Air Services took over Sabena's interest. Commercial and operational office is 18 Sciara Ahmed Sherif, Tripoli. *Head Office:* PO Box 171, Youssef Lenghi Avenue, Benghazi, Libya. *Executives:* Z. Y. Lenghi, president; C. G. Van Antwerpen, vice-president; P. W. Bakker, general manager. *Fleet:* seven DC-3, one Cessna 310B.

Lignes Aeriennes Interieures (Air Inter) was formed in 1954 to operate internal services within metropolitan France and some services were started in March 1958 using chartered aircraft. Air France and French Railways (SNCF) each have a 25% interest and UTA 15%. Full operations were started in 1960 and Air Inter now serves an extensive network of routes radiating from most major cities in France. *Head Office:* 12 Rue de Castiglione, Paris 1, France. *Executives:* Admiral P. Hebrard, president/director general; P. Marland, secretary general; B. Michon, deputy secretary general; J. Arnaud, technical director; G. Brandeis, commercial director. *Employees:* 1,153. *Fleet:* 14 Viscount, four Nord 262, five Caravelle (two leased from Air France).

Lignes Nationales Aériennes Congolaises (Lina-Congo) is the successor to Air Congo, previously Compagnie Congolaise de Transports Aériens, the national airline of the Republic of the Congo. Originally formed in June 1961, the name was changed in October 1965 to avoid confusion with the Léopoldville-based airline of the same name. Lina Congo is wholly owned by the Government and operates domestic services from Brazzaville. *Head Office:* Avenue du Colonna d'Ornano, Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo. *Fleet:* one DC-4, two DC-3.

Lina Congo—see **Lignes Nationales Aériennes Congolaises.**

Linair—see **Libyan National Airways.**

Linea Aerea Cobra is a Bolivian non-scheduled freight carrier. *Head Office:* La Paz, Bolivia. *Executive:* Capt Luis Torrez. *Fleet:* one B-17 freighter.

Linea Aerea Condor is a Chilean freight carrier which operates domestic and international non-scheduled services. *Head Office:* Aeropuerto Los Cerrillos, Santiago, Chile. *Fleet:* C-46.

Linea Aerea del Cobre Ltda (LADECO) was found in November 1958. Shareholding is divided between Juan Costabal (49%), Agustin E. Edwards (37%) and Alejandro Ossa (14%). LADECO operates northbound from Santiago to Potrerillos and El Salvador, Antofagasta and Calama; southbound from Santiago to Puerto Montt and Coyhaique. A route to Salta (Argentina) is expected to be inaugurated shortly, and an air-taxi service is also operated using Baron aircraft. *Head Office:* Huerfanos 1363, Santiago, Chile. *Executives:* Alejandro Ossa, president; Agustin E. Edwards, director; Juan Costabal, director and executive vice-president; Jose Talma, maintenance manager; Roberto Hirigoyen, traffic and sales manager; Carlos Saunier, operations manager. *Employees:* 111. *Fleet:* two DC-6B, three DC-3, one Beech Baron.

Linea Aerea de Publicidad Taxpa Ltda started operations in 1958 and now undertake fish spotting, air taxi, crop spraying, air survey, aerial photography and general charter services. *Head Office:* Nueva York 53, Of. 102, Santiago, Chile. *Executives:* Carlos Griffin, president; Mrs Yolanda Ruiz de Bravo, commercial manager; German Acevedo, operations manager; Eduardo Martinez, sales manager. *Employees:* 32. *Fleet:* one C-82 Jet Packet, five Apache, one Travel Air, four Cessna 310, one 180, three Super Cub, one Pawnee, one Stinson.

Linea Aerea Nacional de Chile (LAN-Chile) was founded by the Chilean Government on March 5, 1929. Originally known as Linea Aero Postal Santiago-Arica, it took its present name in 1932 when it became an autonomous State entity. LAN has developed services throughout the length of Chile, and now operates over international routes to Montevideo in Uruguay, Mendoza and Buenos Aires in Argentina, Lima in Peru, Guayaquil in Ecuador, Panama and Miami. LAN has recently acquired from Lufthansa a Boeing 707-330B and this will enter service on April 15, inaugurating services to New York. *Head Office:* Los Cerrillos Airport, Santiago, Chile. *Executives:* Eric Campana Barrios, vice-president. Managers: Pedro Gasc Opazo, operations; Hector Sauvegeot, finance; Santiago Faz, traffic; Jorge Hofer, engineering. *Employees:* 2,615. *Fleet:* one Boeing 707-330, three Caravelle, ten DC-6A/B, 11 DC-3. On order: eight HS.748.

Linea Aerea Rio Platense SRL operates scheduled domestic cargo services within Uruguay. *Head Office:* Blandengues 1673, Montevideo, Uruguay. *Fleet:* C-46.

Linea Aerea Sud Americana Ltda (LASA) is a Chilean freight carrier which operates domestic and international non-scheduled services. *Head Office:* Aeropuerto Los Cerrillos, Casilla 14030, Santiago, Chile. *Executives:* Renato Sepulveda, general manager. *Fleet:* three C-46.

