AIR TRANSPORT

Discount

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visible
WASHINGTON D.C.

The US Department of
Transportation is watching
with interest a plan endorsed
by the States governments
that will set standards for
truth in airline advertising.
The plan is supported by a
majority of the Attorneys
General of 43 States, who met
early in December in San
Diego to draft "enforcement
guidelines" in taking airlines
to court for deceptive
consumer practices.
The guidelines call for legal
actions whenever an airline
violates the advertising code.
These include failure to
include a notice to consumers
that an advertised low fare
applies to only one airport
serving a city.
Restrictions on the low fare
may not be buried in fine print
at the bottom of an adver-
tisement. They must be in
type that is no less than one
third the size of the largest
type in the advertisement.
Advertising on television
must include fare restrictions
in the oral part of the
message, and not just in fine
print at the bottom of the
screen. Fares that are adver-
tised as one-way must clearly
state if they are available only
as round trips.
Some of the changes that
have angered holders of
frequent-flyer bonus fares
would be outlawed by the new
guidelines. Airlines will have
to give present participants
in their frequent-flyer pro-
grammes a year's notice if
mileage requirements are
raised.
Airlines have refused to
comment on the actions taken
by State law enforcement offi-
cers. In general the airlines
have taken the legal position
that federal regulations pre-
empt State and local laws.
Even so, the Attorneys
General say they are prepared
to bring suits if the airlines
fail to comply with the new
standards.

Bromon BR-2000 mockup unveiled
Bromon Aircraft Corporation has revealed a full-sized mock-up of its planned BR-2000 twin turboprop at its San Diego, California, design facility. The project, which should start production in 1990, has both civil and military applications.

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LOS ANGELES

Security at Los Angeles Inter-
national Airport is inade-
quate, according to US
congressional officials investi-
gating the crash of PSA flight
1771 on December 7.
It is believed that a former
USAir employee evaded secu-
rity checks and smuggled a
• 44 calibre Magnum handgun
on board the PSA BAe 146,
where he shot his former boss
and the two aircrew before the
aircraft crashed, killing the
passengers.
The General Accounting
Office (GAO), the investi-
gative arm of the US
Congress, reports that airport
procedures for screening
passengers for weapons at
LAX are inadequate, distribu-
tion of employee identi-
fication badges is improperly
controlled, and restricted
areas, including aircraft, are
easily entered without
challenge by security person-
nel.

In other tests during
January-November 1987,
Federal Aviation Adminis-
tration (FAA) inspectors
smuggled five fake dynamite
bombs past PSA's X-ray secu-
rity checkpoints at LAX

before the December 7 crash.
Kinoru Takimoto, manager of
the FAA's Los Angeles Civil
Aviation Security Field
Office, warned six airlines
including PSA on October 1,
and PSA again on November
7.

PSA security tests did
manage to detect 11 other
mock weapons during the
FAA tests, including gren-
ades, bombs, and a revolver.
US Government auditors
also estimate that more than
6,000 of 38,000 LAX security
badges issued are missing.
LAX currently employs about
25,000 staff.

Malaysia
commuter

takes off

KUALA LUMPUR

A colourful new Malaysian
domestic carrier takes to the
skies on January 1, bearing
the "Bunga Raya" national
flower as its logo in red,
orange, yellow, green, blue,
and violet.
Pelangi Air will begin oper-
ations with two Twin Otters
on routes linking the capital
with Kertih and Pulau, and
offering charters to various
tourist spots. "We will
increase the fleet if there is a
demand for services," says
company chairman Abdul
Aziz Rahman.

MARKET PLACE

Ansett W. A. has ordered a
third British Aerospace 146-
200 for delivery late in 1988.
Ansett's existing 146s entered
service in Spring 1985. Firm
orders for the 146 now stand
at 107.

DHL Airlines is buying a
fleet of 14 Convair 580
turboprops for its European
hub at Brussels airport. The
aircraft will be operated by
DHL's subsidiary, European
Air Transport (EAT).

Philippine Airlines (PAL)
has bought two more Shorts
360-300s for use on its domes-
tic network. PAL was the
launch customer for the -300
in February, taking four of the
type. Options were also taken
on the two aircraft now added
to the fleet.

Hapag-Lloyd Flug has
ordered six Boeing 737-500s,
for delivery starting May
1990, and has taken options
on two more. The aircraft will
be configured to take 130
passengers in one class.

Puerto-Rico-based Execu-
tive Air Charter, an Ameri-
can Eagle carrier, has leased a
Casa C-212, bringing its fleet
total to 11 of the type. The
aircraft is configured to take
19 passengers. EAC also oper-
ates three Aerospatiale/Aer-
italia ATR42s.

Australian-based TNT has
ordered three more British
Aerospace 146QT freighters
for delivery during 1988 and
1989. TNT has now ordered
eight of the aircraft, and is
committed to taking all the
freighter variants from a five-
year production run. The
three 146QTs will be used in
TNT's European operation.

Ontario Express has
confirmed six options on
British Aerospace Jetstream
31s, bringing total orders for
the 19-seat aircraft to 200.
Three Jetstreams have
already been delivered to
Ontario Express, and the
remainder will be delivered
during the first half of next
year.

Air Malta has bought a spare
General Electric/Snecma CFM
56-A1 engine for the Airbus
A320-200 which it is due to'
receive in 1990.

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