

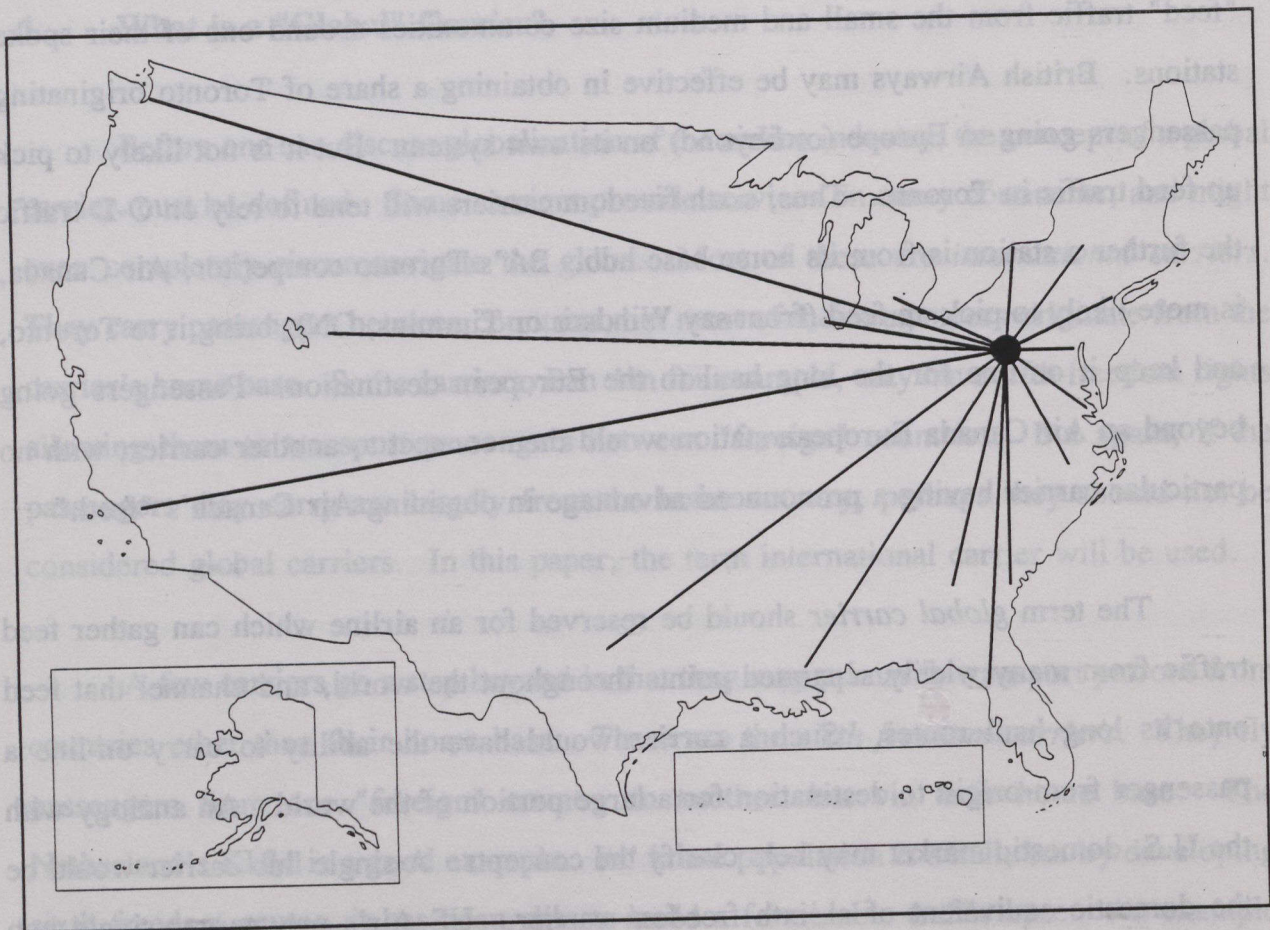


Figure 33: Single Hub Network

feed traffic from smaller communities near to its many hubs. In addition, it can carry traffic up and down the west coast, something which the single hub carrier of Figure 33 is not able to do.

A global carrier is one which operates hubs in several countries. It can gather short/medium haul traffic to each of these hubs, and connect them to other hubs where they can connect to outlying destinations. The global carrier reaches beyond the major cities of the world to access a much larger market -- and keep it all on-line. At present, no true global carriers exist in the world, although much talk has been heard recently about their potential emergence.