

Air Services Scheduled to begin January 1985

The agreement gives Singapore Airlines (SIA) rights to fly both the Atlantic and Pacific routes, flying to Toronto and/or Montreal via the Atlantic and Vancouver via the Pacific.

Flights over the Atlantic may start immediately after the formal signing of the agreement. Air Canada already has bilateral arrangements in place to permit extending its services from Toronto through London and Bombay to Singapore.

Services via the Pacific may however be delayed up to 18 months after the signing, pending resolution of passenger and transit rights at intermediate points between Vancouver and Singapore.

Under the terms of the agreement, the designated Canadian carriers may fly on their respective routes to a maximum 5 intermediate points to Singapore and one further point beyond.

Singapore Airlines has received rights to operate through 5 intermediate points to Toronto and/or Montreal and one point beyond in the United States on the

Atlantic route. Across the Pacific, SIA can operate through five intermediate points to Vancouver and to two points beyond in the United States.

The agreement provides for round the world air cargo services by the airlines of both countries.

Air Canada's plans now envisage operating L-1011's across the Atlantic and on to Singapore via Europe and South Asia. CP Air will likely use B-747 equipment which it now operates on its current service to Hong Kong from Vancouver.

Both Singapore and Canadian officials are optimistic that easier flight connections will foster the growth of tourist and business travel between the two countries. In 1983, more than 25,000 Canadians visited Singapore on vacation or business.

When flights begin in 1985, Singapore will be the first ASEAN member served direct by Canadian carriers, so strengthening Singapore's role as a gateway for Canadian visitors to the ASEAN region.

Singapore Environment Officials Learn from Canada's Experience in Handling Hazardous Wastes

Three officials from Singapore's Ministry of Environment will visit Canada in June to learn from Canadian experience in the handling and treatment of hazardous wastes.

The visit is sponsored by the Canadian Government with Canada's Department of Environment in Ottawa working closely with provincial ministries in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia to develop a comprehensive two-week program.

The trip will start in Montreal, Quebec, with a visit to the new hazardous wastes treatment centre. The group will then proceed to Canada's capital, Ottawa, to discuss with officials of the Department of Environment federal legislation relating to air and water-borne pollutants and their cross-boundary movement; and to discuss with the National Health and Wealth Department the legislation for the protection of the health of the Canada's population.

The group will then travel through the highly industrialized province of Ontario to look at some of the specific types of hazardous wastes produced by Canadian industry and how they are detected and dealt with.

The Singapore officials will then visit the province of Alberta to look at the monitoring, detection and handling of air-borne petrochemical refinery wastes which are mainly sulphur-based.

The last stop will be Vancouver where the officials will examine a cooperative organization in which all

Vancouver-based oil companies participate in the handling of hydrocarbon spills.

Canada has a great deal of experience to offer Singapore in meeting the challenge of protecting the local environment from hazardous wastes. Despite rapid industrialization over the past several decades, Canada has managed to maintain a clean and healthy environment through development of technology and procedures for detection and handling of dangerous wastes and by judicious development and implementation of practical legislation applicable to Canadian industry.

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CIDA Proposal for Int'l Savings Bank Info Centre

Ronald Leger, Director, International Non-governmental Organisations Division of CIDA, participated in the 14th World Congress of Savings Banks which was organised by the International Savings Bank Institute (ISBI) in Singapore 2-5 April.

Mr. Leger delivered a paper on "International Development through Cooperation", responding to a presentation given by Dr. Abdul Aziz Taha, Governor of the Malaysian Central Bank.

Agreeing with Dr. Taha's contention that mobilization of domestic savings as essential to economic development, Mr. Leger noted that Singapore was a prime example of a country which had reached an enviable state of economic development largely by means of harnessing the savings of its citizens.

Mr. Leger suggested that one of the greatest challenges facing the international banking community was to invent, stimulate, and promote savings schemes so that the vast majorities of the world's rural population in developing countries could feed themselves. In Leger's words, "international monetary stability cannot survive on the empty stomachs of the world's poor".

As a means of stimulating greater activity in promoting domestic savings, Mr. Leger proposed that an International Rural Savings and Investment Centre be established to facilitate research, training, and exchange of information and experience among developed and developing countries.

Mr. Leger's proposal was very much in keeping with CIDA's belief that the ISBI should assume a more active advocacy role in promoting institutional reform for economic and social development. CIDA has been the prime supporter of the ISBI's training and exchange programs since these activities began.

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