

landing rights at Vancouver for a trans-Pacific air service planned by Japan. The operator concerned is presumably Japan Air Lines.

Last Super Connie

TCA has now taken delivery on the final aircraft in connection with its order for eight Super Constellations. The big Lockheed airliners are now in service on TCA's international and domestic routes. Domestic service began late in September.

First Viscount is scheduled to arrive this month or early November. Viscount service will start in February of next year.

CPA Over the Pole

CPA has made application to the Canadian Government for permission to operate an international service between Vancouver and Amsterdam, Holland, via the "over the Pole" route. The route is about 1,000 miles shorter than the "southern" route via Montreal and the North Atlantic.

The air line reckons it could make the flight in two easy stages as the total Vancouver-Amsterdam mileage by this route is just 4,825. Though the proposed refuelling point was not identified when the application was announced, it would probably be either Thule, Greenland, or Keflavik, Iceland, both of which lie close to the route.

Amsterdam was chosen as the eastern terminus of the service for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the fact that Canada holds landing rights there that have never been exercised. In addition, the Netherlands city is a "free" port, where passengers in transit are not required to clear customs and immigration.

Though over-the-Pole flight is not a new idea, nobody did much about it until about 18 months ago when Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) began operating proving flights between Los Angeles, California, and Oslo, Norway. Having proved that the route was entirely practical, SAS has applied for and been granted permission by the governments concerned to operate regular commercial flights, with stops at Winnipeg and Thule. The service is expected to start about mid-November.

SAS will operate the service with DC-6B's, the same type of equipment CPA plans to use if its application is approved.

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