

Airlines trying to prevent price war

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pan American and Trans World, the two U.S. airlines providing scheduled service across the North Atlantic, have appealed to the U.S. government for quick action to avert a general transatlantic air fare war.

At a closed meeting with the Civil Aeronautics Board, officials of the two airlines said that unless positive steps are taken before Oct. 15, disastrous fare cuts of the type already proposed by Lufthansa German Airlines will broaden into a variety of costly

traffic-promotion projects by many airlines.

They proposed that the CAB, through the State Department, notify the West German government that the Lufthansa fare proposal is improper and unacceptable under terms of the U.S.-German bilateral air agreement. They said Canada already has taken such action.

The board, which took the request under advisement, made a transcript of the Sept. 23 meeting available to newsmen Tuesday.

Lufthansa refused to go along with North Atlantic fare levels agreed upon at an International Air Transport Association IATA conference in Montreal earlier this month, and filed with the CAB Sept. 15 its own reduced fares to become effective next Feb. 1.

Lufthansa proposed a \$210 14-to-45-day round trip excursion fare between New York or Boston and Germany, the same figure as the current one-way economy fare.

James Leet, Pan American

group vice president, told the CAB, "We feel that we definitely need some action here to stop a total rate war of the North Atlantic."

Blaine Cooke, TWA senior vice president for marketing, said TWA endorsed Pan American's position. He added that quick action is essential because "The situation could deteriorate very rapidly."

"If there were a rash of filings by foreign airlines, ultimate resolution of the situation could be very much more difficult."

Leet added that the only other filing to date, aside from Lufthansa's, was that of Aer Lingus, the Irish airline, proposing significant reductions in both first class and economy class service.

Leet estimated that if Pan American were forced to match Lufthansa's fare proposal the airline's annual operating profit would be reduced by more than \$32 million. In addition, the need for additional flight frequency would increase annual costs of the transatlantic service by an additional \$20 million.

Mexico's aviation director kidnapped, ransom demanded

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The family of Mexico's kidnaped director of federal aviation, Julio Hirschfeld Almada, appealed to his abductors Tuesday to get in touch with them about arrangements for paying the \$240,000 ransom demanded.

Hirschfeld's son said the kidnapers demanded delivery of the money in small bills by 10 a.m.

Wednesday but did not indicate where the exchange would take place.

Hirschfeld, a millionaire businessman whose appointment to the government of President Luis Echeverria was his first political job, was snatched at gunpoint by four men as he left his home Monday.

Police withdrew 200 men Tuesday from the force stationed in the residential area around the Hirschfeld home in hopes the abductors would make further contact with the family.

It was the first kidnaping of major importance in modern Mexico despite the wave of political kidnapings that has struck some Latin-American nations.

The kidnaping was widely assumed in government circles to be the work of urban terrorists intent on overthrowing the Echeverria government.

The abductors gave no indication they were interested in freeing any of the two score urban guerrillas already in Mexican prisons. Most other major kidnapings in Latin America have been aimed at freeing captive guerrillas rather than cash ransom.

Echeverria visited the Hirschfeld home late Monday night after returning from a trip to the interior. He promised the government would provide the ransom if the family could not raise it. Police indicated the family was able to raise the money.

The jailed urban terrorists—some trained in North Korea—vowed they would use kidnapings of political figures in their campaign to overthrow the Mexican government.

The latest group, arrested this month, claimed to have discussed plans to kidnap U.S. Ambassador Robert H. McBride, former president Miguel Aleman and the country's top labor leaders.

Arrests of urban terrorists began in March when police accused 19 Mexicans of trying to overthrow the government. They were members of a group called the Revolutionary Action Movement-Mar., about 60 of whom were said to have been trained in North Korea.

Shortly after the arrests five Soviet diplomats were accused of helping the terrorists reach North Korea and expelled.

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dean. She added, "it is up to the university's women to uphold the traditions which have been built up over the past century at A&M and work together in preparing yourselves for the unknown yet to come."

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