

American still grossing most money

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Record earnings were posted by AMR Corp., the parent company of American Airlines, for the third consecutive year, company officials said Wednesday.

AMR had preliminary unaudited net earnings of \$345.8 million in 1985, surpassing 1984's record of \$233.9 million.

Earnings per share last year were \$5.94, compared with \$4.37 per share in 1984.

Company chairman and president Robert L. Crandall said, "These record results reflect the ongoing success of our growth plan, made possible by the dedication and hard work of each of our employees."

Operating earnings last year were also a record \$536.6 million, a 45.6 percent improvement from \$368.5 million in 1984.

AMR officials said operating revenues were \$6.13 billion, a 14.5 percent increase over \$5.35 billion in 1984.

Operating revenues in the fourth quarter of 1985 were \$1.48 billion, a 10.2 percent increase over \$1.35 billion in the same period of 1984.

AMR spokesman Joe Stroop said, "Our growth plan is based on acquiring new, more efficient airplanes and hiring new employees at market competitive rates of pay."

Judge to decide if hearing necessary in Pennzoil case

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A judge said he will meet with attorneys for Texaco Inc. and Pennzoil Co. before deciding if a hearing is needed to decide whether another judge was qualified to hear a lawsuit between the two companies.

Texaco attorneys say visiting State District Judge Solomon Casseb was not qualified to hear the lawsuit last year because he did not take an oath required by state law.

Administrative Judicial District Judge Thomas Stovall Jr. of Seabrook said Tuesday he will schedule a conference on the matter as soon as he can get attorneys for the two oil companies "huddled up in one pile."

Casheb could not be reached for comment Wednesday at his San Antonio home or office and did not return calls to The Associated Press.

In December, Casheb upheld a Houston jury's decision to award \$10.5 billion to Pennzoil after finding Texaco foiled Pennzoil's attempts to purchase Getty Oil Co.

The judge also added interest that brought the award total to more than \$11.1 billion. Casheb took over the trial after the original judge, Anthony Farris, became ill.

But Texaco claimed in a motion for a new trial filed Jan. 9 that Casheb was not legally qualified to preside over the eight-week trial.

Casheb served as a district judge in San Antonio from 1960-68 and retired as a former judge, meaning he had not served enough time on the bench to qualify for state retirement benefits.

By presiding over the Pennzoil-Texaco trial, he qualified for a state pension and earned the designation retired judge.

However, Texaco claims Casheb failed, upon returning to work, to take another oath of office.

Stovall said it is not yet clear whether such an oath is required by state law.

"From everything I know, he's a retired judge," Stovall said.

"We have to rely on them to fill the holes. Since 1925, we've been able to use retired judges."

He said Casheb has sent him a copy of his retirement certificate from the state Employees Retirement System and a letter from the state chief justice certifying his retirement on May 21, 1985.

Principal: Bused blacks treated differently

Associated Press

DALLAS — A principal testified in federal court that black students who were bused to an elementary school were not allowed to play with children from the mostly white neighborhood.

The principal of H.S. Thompson Elementary School in south Dallas, Don Williams, testified Wednesday about students bused to Reinhardt Elementary School in Northeast Dallas.

"They were not allowed to mix with the kids from the neighborhood," Williams said.

"They were not allowed to play with the neighborhood children," he said.

Don L. Smith, principal of Reinhardt Elementary, could not be reached by telephone for comment.

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— Don Williams, principal of H.S. Thompson Elementary School.

minority pupils in West Dallas.

Thompson was one of three neighborhood schools in south Dallas to which 1,300 black children returned to grades 4-6 in fall 1984.

Don Williams also agreed with the testimony Tuesday of Pearl C. Anderson Principal Wilber Williams, who said some black youngsters bused to schools in mostly white neighborhoods in northeast Dallas were wrongly placed in special education classes or unfairly denied promotions.

Williams said Anderson received at least five black pupils who had been misclassified in white schools as having learning problems and needing special education.

Leader urging raise in Mexico non-oil exports

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — President Miguel de la Madrid said Mexico is committed to increasing its non-petroleum exports and that the private sector should change its "attitude and mentality."

De la Madrid's speech to the National Association of Importers and Exporters of the Mexican Republic was Tuesday, the same day that the price of crude oil dropped below \$20 a barrel on some markets, an event that only means trouble for the Mexican economy.

The government, trying to keep up with payments on a \$96.4 billion foreign debt, has been promoting non-petroleum exports to compensate for falling oil prices and demand. It also has been moving quickly to reduce trade restrictions.

Mexico's private sector has long had a protected domestic market that insulates many of its industries from foreign competition. And De la Madrid said the government "reaffirms its pledge to establish general conditions that stimulate and facilitate exports."

At another meeting, he said, "It is indispensable that (economic) rules that could be justified in other times be adapted to the new (times) and those that are to come."

Recently the government announced it would begin membership talks with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, a 90-nation trade group. To join, Mexico would have to dismantle some of its trade barriers.

Luis Bravo Aguilera, assistant foreign trade secretary of the Commerce Department, told the export-

ers and importers that non-oil exports will increase to \$7.7 billion.

Total exports will rise to between \$21.5 billion and \$22.5 billion, depending on the ability to export 1.5 million barrels of oil a day, he said. The balance of trade surplus for 1986 will range between \$7.5 billion and \$8.5 billion, Bravo Aguilera said.

De la Madrid said Mexico must export more "to overcome one of the great structural imbalances that has led to the economic difficulties we are suffering."

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