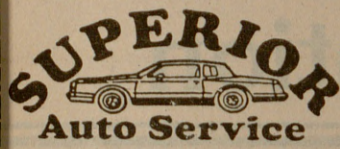


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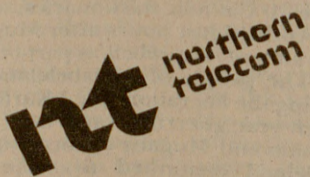
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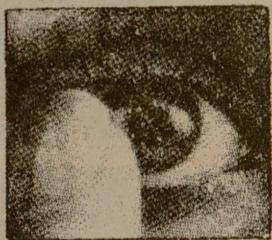
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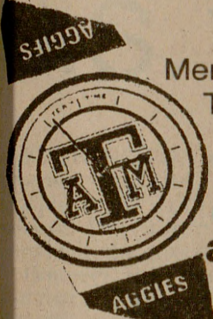
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Court dismisses antitrust charges against airlines

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines said Monday that it is pleased with a federal court ruling that dismissed price-fixing charges against American and United Airlines, ending part of a four-year legal battle.

U.S. District Judge Edward Rafeedie in Los Angeles dismissed allegations by several airlines that American and United had conspired to fix fees charged for booking other airlines' reservations and issuing tickets through their computerized reservations system.

The plaintiffs, including Continental Airlines, USAir, Northwest and several other major carriers, had sought more than \$1.1 billion in recovery of such fees paid to American and United during 1981 to 1987.

"American considers this to be a major victory," Anne H. McNamara, the airline's senior vice president and general counsel, said.

"A month ago the court threw out much of the monopolization case that the plaintiffs had brought against American by eliminating a number of their claims and legal theories," she said.

"This latest ruling in effect entirely terminates the other half of the case, involving the price-fixing charges," she said.

"And we feel totally vindicated by the decision, because the judge recognized the conspiracy charges for what they are — absolute speculation," she said.

In their antitrust complaint against American and United, the plaintiffs contended that two defendants participated in a conspiracy spanning several years to raise the other carriers' cost of doing business.

Specifically, the plaintiffs had accused American and United of illegally agreeing to fix the price of "booking fees" charged by SABRE and Apollo — the American and United computerized reservations systems, respectively, beginning in November 1984.

At that time American announced it would charge other airlines \$1.75 per booking for the SABRE service.

United later established a price of \$1.85.

The plaintiffs also had alleged that the two defendants had unlawfully forced other carriers to pay what the industry terms "interline ticketing fees," which are paid when one airline issues a ticket on its own internal "ticket stock" for travel on another airline, such as when a passenger's itinerary involves two or more carriers for a single trip.

The court found American and United had met their "procedural burden" of showing each had independently decided on the level of booking fees after November 1984 and on establishment of a reimbursement charge for interline ticketing services.

In granting summary judgment for the defendants, the judge held that the plaintiffs had no evidence to support any inference of conspiracy, but were relying solely on speculation.

On Aug. 12, Rafeedie granted American's and United's motions for summary judgment on two of three of the plaintiffs' principal monopolization theories: that SABRE and Apollo are "essential facilities" and that the defendants engaged in "monopoly leveraging."

Hurricane Gilbert slams into Jamaica

AUSTIN (AP) — Hurricane Gilbert slammed into Kingston on Monday with torrential rains and 115 mph winds that ripped roofs off homes and buildings, uprooted trees and downed power lines.

No serious injuries were immediately reported in the city of 750,000 people, which was hit by the full force of the hurricane around noon.

For half an hour, the hurricane lashed the city, tearing branches from trees, blowing down fences and whipping paper through the air.

The National Weather Service reported heavy damage to Kingston's airport and aircraft parked on its fields.

The first shock let up as the eye of the storm moved across the city. Skies brightened, the winds died down and people waited for an hour before the second blow of the hurricane arrived.

All Jamaica-bound flights were canceled at Miami International Airport.

Flights from the Cayman Islands, reportedly next in the path of the hurricane, arrived in Miami packed with travelers cutting short their vacations. "People were running around in the main lobby of our hotel (on Grand Cayman Island) like chickens with their heads cut off," one man said.

A National Weather Service report said the hurricane was moving

west at 17 mph with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph. It said Jamaica would receive up to 10 inches of rain that would cause flash floods and mud slides.

"Right now it's actually moving over Jamaica," Bob Sheets, director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, said.

"It looks like the eye is going to move lengthwise across that island, and they're going to bear the full brunt of this powerful hurricane," he said.

Gilbert reached Jamaica after skirting southern Puerto Rico, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Hurricane warnings were issued Monday for the south coast of Cuba east of Camaguey, the Cayman Islands, and Haiti, while warnings were discontinued for the Dominican Republic.

High winds and heavy rain preceding the storm drenched Kingston overnight, toppling trees, causing local flooding and littering streets with branches.

Most of Jamaica's 2.3 million people stayed home, boarding up windows in preparation for the hurricane.

The popular north coast resort area, on the other side of the mountains, was expected to receive heavy rain but not as much damage from the hurricane as the south coast, where officials urged residents to seek higher ground.

First working 'chip' remembered by state

DALLAS (AP) — Commemorating the first working integrated circuit's demonstration by Texas Instruments, Gov. Bill Clements said Monday that the company helped the state become a world-class technological force.

Clements, who helped TI dedicate a state historical marker at the company's headquarters, saluted Jack St. Clair Kilby and his invention, the integrated circuit "chip," which the marker commemorates.

"Thirty years ago today, Texas Instruments set the ball in motion and we haven't been the same since," Clements said. "You pioneered technological advances that have changed our lives and altered the way we perceive ourselves and the world."

"Because of TI's commitment and Jack Kilby's foresight, the chip is now the heart and brains of all modern electronic products," Clements said. "The integrated circuit has grown into a \$40 billion semiconductor industry which drives a \$500 billion electronics market that stretches around the globe."

Host of the marker's dedication ceremony was Jerry Junkins, TI chairman, president and chief executive officer.

"Texas today is home to the nation's third-largest pool of scientists and engineers," Clements said. "We have more than 25 technology transfer programs to translate research into new product ideas. Sectors like electronics, biotechnology and aerospace are growing at a rapid pace and will certainly play a crucial role in our economic growth."

"Indeed, Comptroller (Bob) Bullock predicts that high-tech industries will produce 310,000 new jobs between 1985 and the year 2005," he said. "With businesses like Texas Instruments and projects like the Johnson Space Center and the tremendous ingenuity alike of people like Dr. Paul Chu, there's no doubt that Texas will be a world-class technological force."

Formed on a single body of a semiconductor such as silicon or germanium by photographic processes, chips contain miniaturized, interconnected electronic circuits and devices.

"Clearly, the availability of qualified people to meet market needs will impact the strength of high-tech industries in Texas," Clements said.

Kilby, 64, demonstrated his integrated circuit to TI managers on Sept. 12, 1958, at a laboratory in the company's Semiconductor Building, where he had been an engineer for only a few months.

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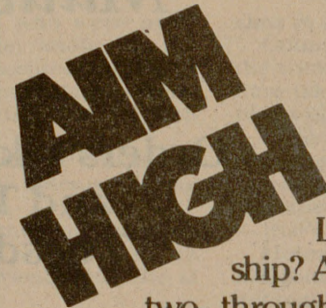
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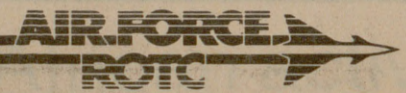
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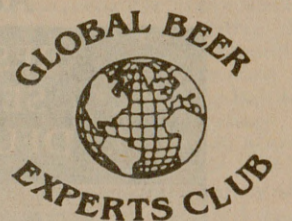
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