

## BCAL applies for Shanghai direct services

BRITISH Caledonian is planning to launch Britain's first direct service to Shanghai in China next summer.

The airline has filed an application with the U.K. Civil Aviation Authority for a licence to operate a once-weekly Boeing 747 service between London Gatwick and Shanghai's Hongqiao International Airport.

The service would be operated as an extension to the non-stop flight the airline plans to introduce between Gatwick and Hong Kong in July, 1988.

The airline plans to acquire a further Boeing 747, its fifth, powered by CF6-80C2 engines, to operate non-stop to Hong Kong.

In addition to trimming the flying time to Hong Kong, its operation will enable some four hours to be saved on the current journey time to Shanghai from Europe, and about five hours on the journey in the opposite direction.

BCAL's application, which is to be heard by the CAA on June 9, also seeks authority to operate non-stop to Shanghai and serve it as an onward stop on London/Tokyo service.

Announcing BCAL's application for Shanghai, Managing Director David Coltman, stated: "Shanghai offers British Caledonian an important opportunity to establish a further major base in East Asia and its first in China.

"Although British Airways has held the British licence to operate to Shanghai since 1961 it has never attempted to exercise its right to do so.

### Opportunity

"It is important for Britain to establish direct communications with China's dominant economic centre.

"With our expanding long-haul fleet and route network in the East Asia, BCAL is in a position to take on the role of Britain's 'flag carrier' to Shanghai."

Mr. Coltman added: "We believe that the launch of direct

services from the U.K. will accelerate the development of trade with China and will help to strengthen Shanghai's export industries."

BCAL presently operates daily Boeing 747 services on the route between London Gatwick, Dubai and Hong Kong. On Sunday the airline launches Britain's first non-stop service to Tokyo and is designated to serve Seoul in Korea from April next year.

Services to and from Shanghai will be timed to connect with the airline's regular services to points in the U.K., Europe, Africa and Middle East.

The 747 aircraft will be configured to offer 21 seats in

First Class, 42 in Super Executive and 318 in Economy. A cargo capacity of 12 tonnes will be offered.

### Industries

Virtually all types of industry that exist in China are represented in Shanghai. Major industries include metallurgy, chemicals, machinery, ship-building, electronics, textiles and food processing.

Tourism also plays an important part in Shanghai's economy, with half a million tourists visiting the city in 1984. This figure is predicted to exceed one million by 1990.

# TOKYO COUNTDOWN - ALL SYSTEMS 'GO'

## Freight boost for new route

ON Sunday, a little after 13.00 hours, British Summer Time, BCAL will be making British civil aviation history by becoming the first U.K. airline to launch a non-stop service to Tokyo in Japan.

But, away from all the glamour, the prestige and the celebrations, one of the largest start-up projects in the airline's history is about to come to fruition, thanks to the efforts of countless staff.

As the final countdown begins for the launch of BCAL's historic service and the months of planning, research and detailed work is completed, a special tribute to the staff whose tireless efforts will enable Tokyo to be finally put on the BCAL map has been paid by Managing Director David Coltman.

In a special message passed to *BCAL News* this week, Mr. Coltman stated: "Without a shadow of doubt, the launch of service to Tokyo has put an added pressure on the workloads of thousands of staff across the company at what is acknowledged as the busiest time of the operating year.

"From the moment we got the go-ahead to launch service on May 27, the challenge to put our plans into operation was a mammoth one. It has been met in full by each and every section and each and every department throughout the company.

"The launch of service to Tokyo has been a tremendous staff achievement, in some respects greater than the launch of flights to New York in 1985.

"It is a brand new area, with a vastly different culture to anything we have encountered before. In terms of prestige, I believe it is the most exciting development since the launch of service to New York. In terms of importance, the route is fundamental to the future success of our airline.

"On behalf of the Board, I can only congratulate the work that everyone has been undertaking. It has been a first class job.

"During the last few weeks the air travel markets in Tokyo and in London have been left with the clear impression that a commitment, energy and drive exists in BCAL really to succeed on this route."

To find out more of what has been going on behind the scenes, *BCAL News* talked to some of the divisions who have been heavily involved with

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### 'Congratulations'

"MY Government wholeheartedly welcomes the participation of British Caledonian on the trans-Siberian route.

"I am sure that the service BCAL will provide on the Tokyo route will be very popular, especially as the trans-Siberian route is the most convenient route between Europe and Japan."

— H.E. Toshio Yamazaki, Japan's Ambassador to the U.K.

"OUR two great cities of finance and commerce are going through the biggest period of change in their long history as we both move into the age of high speed, high technology, 24-hour-a-day trading.

"This new service between our great cities will serve to strengthen the ties between us and will, I am sure, be of lasting benefit to our world-ranging business men and women."

— Lord Mayor of London, Sir David Rowe-Ham, in a letter to the Mayor of Japan, to be hand carried on the first flight.



Cracking open the Sake in the traditional Japanese manner, Japan's Ambassador to Britain, His Excellency Toshio Yamazaki, and BCAL Chairman Sir Adam Thomson mark the official start to launch celebrations at London's Dorchester Hotel.



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# Fight is on for Gatwick growth and prosperity

GATWICK Airport is responsible, directly or indirectly, for the livelihoods of around 240,000 men, women and children, BCAL's Captain Bill Ashpole told the annual meeting of the Gatwick 2000 airport action group.

He asserted: "Not only do the dependents of the airport's 17,000 workers benefit but hundreds of businesses, large and small, whose customers are Gatwick employees, have a major stake in the airport's future growth and prosperity."

"It is this we are fighting to secure."

"Gatwick is a ready example of how major airport development can go hand in hand with meaningful environmental protection. Our aim is to ensure that this can continue, to the benefit of the commercial world and conservationists alike," he said.

Captain Ashpole made his comments when introducing, as his successor as

Chairman of Gatwick 2000, Sir David Hunt, a former diplomat and BBC Television's 'Mastermind of Masterminds'.

Following Sir David's election as Chairman, Captain Ashpole was elected to continue his work for the action group as its Vice-Chairman. He has led Gatwick 2000 since its formation 18 months ago.

Gatwick 2000 leads a



major campaign to promote the economic benefits of Gatwick to the South-east and has attracted more than 800 members, ranging from individuals to major Surrey and Sussex-based companies.

In welcoming the new Chairman, Captain Ashpole said: "Sir David's wide-ranging experience as British Ambassador in four coun-

tries, will bring a voice to Gatwick 2000 which will be instantly accepted as balanced and impartial."

## Background

"The diplomatic service is renowned for its mediating role in world affairs and Sir David's Foreign Office background will be ideal in presenting our many ideas for using new developments and technologies — such as the new generation of ultra-quiet aircraft — to expand Gatwick's operations without blighting the

environment.

"He lives locally in a charming Sussex village and has a personal interest in preserving the area's character as well as advocating airport development."

Membership of Gatwick 2000 is free and anyone interested can contact the organisation on (0293) 582010.

\* The picture shows Captain Ashpole (left) welcoming Sir David Hunt with Gatwick 2000's Patron, Sir Peter Masefield (centre).



# BCAL: 'Cargo Airline of the Year'

GETTING to grips with a BCAL consignment that every member of the airline's 450 cargo staff had a hand in obtaining is not often possible.

But this happy band managed to do so when BCAL's General Manager Cargo, David Brooksbank (right), arrived at the freight warehouse with the 'Cargo Airline of the Year' Trophy.

The award was made by readers of the magazines *Air Cargo News* and *British Shipper and Forwarder* in a poll of more than 1,000 votes from freight forwarders and shippers all over the country.

"Recognition of BCAL with this award is down to a combination of personal dedication and skilful teamwork from everyone of our cargo team worldwide. We are thrilled to bits," said David.

Last year BCAL's Cargo division increased carryings by 17 per cent over 1985 to a total of 76,563 tonnes. The trend has continued this year with loads between November and March some 15 per cent better than the same

period last year and totalling 22,220 tonnes.

Pictured welcoming the trophy to BCAL are (left to right): Gatwick Export Agent John Smith, who lives in Horsham, Sussex; Gatwick Reservations Agent Kim Hudd, who lives in Crawley, Sussex; Heathrow Cargo Warehouseman John Longford-Lewis, from Redhill, Surrey; and Senior Cargo Sales Executive Carol Spear, who has just moved from Basingstoke, Hants, to Frimley, Surrey.

To celebrate BCAL Cargo's achievement, the airline took full-page advertisements in Britain's leading cargo and airline publications in which every member of Cargo staff was named.

Beneath a picture of a beaming David Brooksbank, taken when he received the silver trophy, the advertisement stated: 'In accepting the Cargo Airline of the Year Award on behalf of British Caledonian I would just like to thank... (then followed the list of everyone's names) for your commitment to making the BCAL Cargo team the best in the industry.'

## Letters

# When flying becomes a real experience

■ From Mr. Chris N. Clawson, Director of International Marketing for the McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Company, Huntington Beach, California, writing to 'the whole team of BCAL' via the Chairman's office:

RECENTLY my wife and I experienced our first trip on your great airline, from Los Angeles to London. We travel frequently on business and on holiday and I could not allow this exceptional treatment to go by without a thank you.

From the start of our travel in Los Angeles to the delivery back to our home it was the best trip we have ever made.

Travelling with British Caledonian is not travel — it is an experience.

Other airlines fly DC-10 or 747, so it is not the equipment; it is the service and it is the people who make this difficult task of moving ourselves and our belongings from one place to another less difficult.

So many little extras — and so many wonderful people we met during this trip.

Please keep up the extra effort. It makes me feel like a king and brings back the joy of travel.

## Mercy flight to Dallas

■ From Mr. Angus Wheeler, of Qantas Airways, based in London, writing to Rex Curran, BCAL's Senior Marketing Executive Interline, following BCAL's involvement in what is hoped will prove to have been a life-saving mission:

I AM writing to thank you for the ticket that was recently provided for me to travel to Dallas.

This enabled me to become a bone marrow donor for my brother, who is suffering from Hodgkin's Disease.

During my stay in Dallas, my brother was given intensive chemotherapy and whole body radiation. Following this, the marrow was extracted from me, while under general anaesthesia and later given to my brother.

It will be a few more days before we know if the

transplant has been successful, and a number of months before we know if the cancer has been killed. At this stage, however, the signs are good.

On behalf of myself and my brother I thank you and all the British Caledonian staff who offered me every assistance throughout the journey.

## Extra mile to give service

■ From Mr. William J. Bickley, District Manager of Freight On Board International, of Inglewood, California, writing to Chris Hill, BCAL's Regional Cargo Sales Manager, West Coast U.S.A.:

IT isn't often in today's hectic air freight marketplace that one gets the chance to write a letter thanking an airline for great service.

I am glad to have the opportunity to write such a letter to you.

I have had a long and pleasurable relationship with BCAL in Los Angeles. All of the employees have been helpful. However, one person in particular has gone out of her way to assist me in time of need.

That person is Marilyn Parker. She has always taken the time to answer my questions and provides assistance no matter how busy she is.

I really appreciate all that Marilyn has done for me and my company.

It is people like Marilyn, the ones who go the extra mile to provide good service, that make doing business with BCAL a real pleasure.

I look forward to a long and prosperous relationship between our two companies.

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## Back on winning U.S. trail

THE Right Stuff! That's the label BCAL's North America team has given itself as it launches into the competitive summer marketing and operational season.

The phrase 'Right Stuff' was the theme of the North American Marketing Conference held earlier this month in Houston.

Staff from each of the North American gateways and off-line sales areas attended the evening conference in the Wyndham Hotel.

A special delegate was Sir Adam Thomson, who took time to address the conference during a business visit to Houston.

Staff heard that after the poor year caused by severe traffic downturn in 1986, BCAL was back on the winning trail in North America in 1987.

Executive Vice President John Story revealed that the results for the first six months of the financial showed:

- Los Angeles, passenger traffic up 65 per cent; cargo carryings up 44 per cent.

- New York, passengers up 16 per cent; cargo up 46 per cent.

- Houston, ahead of budget in passengers and cargo.

- Atlanta, passengers up 38 per cent cargo up 59 per cent.

- Dallas/Ft Worth, passenger up 37 per cent; cargo up 78 per cent.

At a buffet supper after the conference, Sir Adam presented the 'Employee of the Year' Award to New York cargo sales executive Jean Gilroy. She won the title in competition with five other nominees.

Jean won the title for her work in developing horse traffic on the New York 'Combi' flights.



## Wingspan cup of delight

■ WE won the Cup! Ian Cox, General Manager of the Wingspan Club, accepts the 'Club Mirror' Sports Club of the Year Award from Peter Martin, Editor of 'Club Mirror', at a celebration gala evening held at the Clubhouse on April 29.

The BCAL club won the prestigious award in competition with sports and social clubs throughout Britain and the judges praised the club's well-organised sports sections and its staging of entertainment and other events for members.

Also in the picture are, left to right: the club's Chairman, Ron Shackel, who is holding a copy of the souvenir supplement produced by BCAL News to mark the club's achievement; club Treasurer Geoff Brown; and club Secretary Alan Mitchell.

## BCAL engineers hailed as 'have-a-go' heroes

THREE Gatwick-based BCAL engineers, all of them members of the airline's Rugby team, have been hailed as 'have-a-go' heroes in San Antonio, Texas, after they leapt to the aid of a woman being violently attacked — and held on to her attacker until the police arrived.

Avionics Engineer Pete Jerram, who plays stand-off, and Line Engineers Jack Leceuve, the team's prop forward, and Steve Wright, a second row forward, were visiting Texas with other team members to play two matches.

Following the first, in San Antonio, they were being driven to a restaurant at around 01.00 hours when they saw the woman coming under a hail of blows in a nearby car park.

Steve takes up the story: "There were five of us in the van, one of them an American we were staying with. We saw this bloke in the car park, attacking a woman, so stopped the van and ran to help her.

"He was really hitting her but as soon as we yelled at him, he ran off, leaving the woman crying and screaming. We chased after him and found him hiding in some bushes.

"It took three of us to restrain him, but

eventually we managed to pin him down across the bonnet of a car and held him there until the police arrived.

"Only afterwards did we realise that he could have been carrying a knife or a gun — but we didn't think of it at the time."

The drama became headline news in San Antonio, where people were full of praise for the BCAL 'Equalisers' and two of their team mates, one of whom, Jim Canavan, is a postman in Crawley while another, Steve French, is a roofing contractor.

They quickly found themselves the focus of attention from the region's newspapers, radio and television stations. Four TV channels, Texas State Radio and the *Houston Post* all related the drama and acclaimed the men's public-spirited action.

The Rugby squad were making their second visit to Texas in two years, though they came up against some tough opposition. Alamo City, San Antonio, beat them 13-6 and Houston Old Boys by 20-4.

But, whatever the scorelines, there's a woman somewhere in San Antonio who will always be glad the BCAL Rugby team was in town.



■ Pictured (above): Dr. Luis Ignacio Mendoza (left) and Tony Pannell sign the GSA agreement.

## General Sales Agency contract with VIASA

BCAL has been appointed General Sales Agent for VIASA, the Venezuelan international airline, for the U.K. and Eire.

The airline is responsible for all VIASA passenger ticket sales for services operated from London, together with the airline's scheduled links to South

America from Amsterdam and other European gateway cities.

VIASA operates twice-weekly scheduled services to Caracas from Heathrow, using DC-10-30 aircraft providing Super Executive Business Class and Economy Class service.

Additionally, the airline provides direct connections from Europe to Bogota, Quito, Lima, Santiago and points in the Caribbean.

A specially dedicated telephone number is available within BCAL's central reservations facility for all VIASA bookings and the Venezuelan airline is arranging for its services to be displayed in the Travicom system.

The GSA contract was recently signed in Amsterdam by VIASA's President, Dr. Luis Ignacio Mendoza, who is currently IATA's President and by Tony Pannell, Vice President Caledonian Aviation Services, on behalf of BCAL.

Tony commented: "We are delighted to have been awarded a GSA contract by VIASA and will be using our long-established experience and marketing expertise in sales to South American destinations."

### Staff reunion

A REUNION of staff who used to work for Jersey Airlines/BUA (C.I.) Limited, based in the Channel Islands, is being planned and is likely to take place in September, in Jersey.

Anyone interested in attending is invited to contact Guy Le Sueur, BCAL's District Manager in Jersey, for further information.

## Countdown Tokyo - all systems are 'go'

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the launch of service to Tokyo.

In terms of sheer volume of work that had to be completed this week before BCAL's first flight to Tokyo becomes a reality on Sunday, the task undertaken by Engineering to have BCAL's latest aircraft ready on time was the greatest.

Ken Beaver — who, with Mark Darby, has been plotting the aircraft's progress through Hangar 6 since it was delivered to BCAL on March 19 — told *BCAL News*:

"Because of a last-minute snag in Canada — one that had nothing to do with BCAL — the aircraft was two weeks late arriving from Wardair.

"To ensure its flight readiness for Japan, up to 100 engineers were working on the aircraft at any one time. By the time the extensive maintenance programme was completed, some 24,000 man hours were devoted to GB.

"That included the basic 'A check' we completed; the major modification we undertook to bring the aircraft up to BCAL's specification and the standards and requirements set out by the CAA; as well as the re-paint and refurbishment programme and the change in configuration, including the fitting of the new 'JClass' sleeper seats.

"It has been a huge job, to say the least. But the aircraft is now in excellent shape to perform its important new role for BCAL. I think some of the lads will be sorry to see it go — they got quite attached to it."

At Inflight Services, the arrival of 40 Japanese girls caused, perhaps, the greatest stir of all. Aside from the first flight itself, nowhere was more

attention focused than on the new 'Caledonian Girls'.

"At first it wasn't easy," admitted Alan Painter. "Dealing with new methods of recruitment obviously slowed the process.

"But, after extensive training, I have no doubts that, once airborne, our Japanese girls will prove to be a real credit to the airline and fine ambassadors for their country.

"Each one has performed remarkably well. It was extremely difficult to just pick 40 from the 1,000 who applied to us.

"They are raring to go and, fortunately, they won't have to wait long. With seven girls on each flight, all of them will have operated within two weeks of start-up. Personally, I don't think some of them could wait any longer."

BCAL Training has not been without its fair share of responsibility either. As Brian Parkyn explained: "Since the beginning of April more than 1,000 cabin staff, passenger service staff and ground personnel have taken part in our one-day Japanese Cultural Awareness programme.

### Training

"That, as well as the five training courses that have been running for the Japanese cabin staff themselves, has put considerable pressure on our resources. Everyone has responded enthusiastically and the courses have been well received.

"It has been fascinating to see so many grasp the basics of the Japanese culture so quickly. I don't think we

have had as much training going on at any other time before."

At Passenger Services Gatwick, the short start-up period for Tokyo has been filled with training of existing staff and the hiring of Japanese speakers to provide the basis of the BCAL Japanese Welcome Service.

Roger Wilson explained: "With a high proportion of travellers on the service from Japan it has been important to gear up our operation to handle passengers in the correct and expected manner.

### Awareness

"More than 200 of our regular Gatwick staff have completed the Japanese cultural awareness programme run by Training and, where necessary, we have hired Japanese speakers to provide us with translation services. They have also helped us to ensure that we have all signage written correctly.

"We are ready to go."

In Marketing, the centre of activity has been the Japan route launch office which has co-ordinated the sales activity as well as the general divisional activities at both ends of the route.

Commented Nick Mercer: "I think our largest and most important task has been to understand the differences of the Japanese culture and how best we can market to it.

"Our extensive research has certainly paid off in this regard. In actual fact, a great deal in the basic make-up of the airline is already very attractive to the Japanese market and, as 75 per cent of passengers are going to be Japanese, it's important that we

adapt our service to cater for their special needs.

"The forward bookings for passengers and cargo looks good, and the advertising has been well received," added Nick. "I think the route will be an outstanding success."

At Flight Catering, months of debate on which Japanese dishes to choose has finally come to an end in an effort to make BCAL's service the most Japanese of all among the non-Asian carriers serving Tokyo.

Explained Graham Elliott: "The preparation of our Japanese menu has certainly entailed the most complicated level of organisation we have encountered.

"But it has been an essential task in order that we can ensure, with some degree of certainty, that our standards will be unmatched by any European carrier from day one.

"To enable us to stay ahead of the game we will change our London Gatwick/Tokyo menus every month and from Tokyo every four weeks.

At Flight Operations, 747 Fleet Manager and Commander of the inaugural service John Kelly and his team have been making final preparations for Sunday's first service.

Captain Kelly will have on board First Officer Richard Lockwood, First Officer John Oxenham, Deputy Manager Flight Engineering and Flight Engineer Tom Mormon; and Flight Engineer Nigel Lowe.

He commented: "There are two flight tracks we can use over Russia, but our choice on the day will depend on high-level winds.

"It promises to be a spectacular flight. I am looking forward to it."

IN London and Tokyo this week the finishing touches were being put to the airline's non-stop service between the U.K. and Japan. In this special news feature we look at just some of the activities that have been taking place at both ends of the route as the final countdown begins for Sunday.

# It's Tokyo and Moscow — here we come...

IN London, the launch of BCAL's new route to Japan has been marked in spectacular style with two very different and contrasting events.

On May 12, an airship carrying BCAL logos entered service as a scheduled sightseeing passenger service over London.

It marked the first licensed passenger carrying service in the U.K. for a half a century and the start of a major promotional project that will put BCAL's name and its message — 'Tokyo Door to Door' — above the skies of London for the summer.

Four days later, at London's prestigious Dorchester Hotel, the airline unveiled the special brand of service it will bring to the U.K./Japan route at a luncheon for key representatives of the U.K. Japan business community industry.

Guest of honour at the luncheon was His Excellency Toshio Yamazaki who performed, with Chairman Adam Thomsom, the traditional Japanese Sake ceremony.

Addressing more than 200 guests from the industry, Sir Adam predicted that a new era in trading communications between the U.K. and Japan was about to

be opened.

He stated: "Our flight from Gatwick will be the first-ever non-stop flight by a British carrier on the trans-Siberia route to Tokyo."

"The Tokyo route is a prize that we have sought for more than two years and we are delighted that we are within realising our objective."

He added: "Tokyo is a very important route development in BCAL's history. It is certainly a major milestone for international airline competition and for consumer choice."

Sir Adam confirmed that the airline had made a major commitment to the development of the Tokyo service and that it was matched by a commitment from all levels in the airline.

"We have planned and created a special kind of service for the route which caters for the special requirements of both business and leisure travellers from Japan and Britain," said Sir Adam. "We are planning a good deal of emphasis on service to the cargo forwarder and shipper."

Cargo is expected to account for 30 per cent of the total carryings, in terms of revenue and in the first year the airline is targeting to carry about 50,000



■ Piper Ian Craig and the band of the marching 'Caledonian Girls' launch the BCAL airship on its new scheduled sightseeing service over London. Airship Industries' 600 Series passenger-carrying aircraft will sport BCAL's logo and the message 'Tokyo Door to Door' over London this summer. It is the first regular passenger service to be operated in the U.K. for 50 years.

passengers and double that by 1989.

With a large proportion of the passengers BCAL will carry on the route being Japanese, the airline has tailored its service to feature Japanese air hostesses, Japanese cuisine, Japanese language films, Japanese audio entertainment and a special Japanese language magazine.

Sir Adam told guests that the biggest difference is the choice of service the airline will provide at the London gateway.

With the opening of Gatwick's new North Terminal next year, Gatwick will become the most modern airport in Europe, he said.

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■ TWENTY-ONE bookings recorded within ten minutes of the opening of BCAL's office in Tokyo — that was the measure of the success of BCAL's official transformation into 'on-line' status in Japan.

By the end of the day almost a complete Jumbo load of passengers had booked seats and the first cargo reservation had been recorded.

Officiating at the office opening were the British Ambassador to Japan, Sir John Whitehead, and the Deputy Director-General of International Tourism in the Japanese Ministry of Transport, Kiyoshi Terashima.

The opening was preceded the day before by receipt of BCAL's operating permit from the Japanese authorities.

BCAL has a total of 30 staff in its Tokyo office in addition to 42 Japanese cabin staff based in the city.

The airline will operate the first British non-stop London-Tokyo service on May 31, and will provide two non-stop flights and a third operating through Moscow each week, from that date.

Pictured at the new BCAL office's ribbon-cutting ceremony are Sir John and Mr. Terashima with (left to right): Reservations Agent Mieko Miyazawa, BCAL Commercial Director Peter Smith, and Reservations Agent Hiromi Koshiishi.

## New Business Class seat for comfort and style

A NEW Business Class sleeper seat — setting new standards of comfort and style for long-distance travel — has been unveiled by British Caledonian for its new non-stop London/Tokyo service.

The new seat has been jointly designed and developed between BCAL and Contour, Britain's leading manufacturer of prestige seats, for the Boeing 747-200 series aircraft that will launch Britain's first non-stop service to Tokyo on May 31.

A total of 44 seats will be fitted to each of the two 747's that will operate BCAL's direct service to Japan. Sixteen will be fitted to the no-smoking, upper deck Super Executive Class cabin and 28 will be configured into the no-smoking/smoking main deck Super Executive cabin.

The new Business Class sleeper seat offers an improved seat pitch of up to 40 inches, a fully adjustable leg and foot rest as well as an improved angle of recline and movable head rest. It also offers improved storage for cabin baggage.

The frame of the seat has been modified to allow carry-on items to be placed more easily under the forward seat in addition to the space that is presently available for the storage of items in the overhead baggage compartments.

Peter Smith, BCAL's Commercial Director,

said: "Exclusively designed for the London/Japan route, BCAL's new Business Class sleeper seat will provide a new, high standard of comfort for business travellers flying to and from Japan."

"Combining the experience of BCAL and the expertise of Britain's leading seat manufacturer, we have designed a seat that is uniquely tailored to the particular demands of regular travellers on this route."

"Although BCAL's non-stop service to Japan will trim some six hours from the normal flight time between London and Japan, we have set out to establish new superior standards of comfort for business travellers on the route and put BCAL at the forefront of Business Class seat design."

Mr Smith added: "We are extremely flattered that several other major airlines have studied our pace-setting design and, in some cases, ordered the same seat for their own Business Class cabins."

Design of the new BCAL seat has been based on the seat currently fitted to the First Class cabins of the airline's 747 fleet.

Finger-pressure-operated passenger control, located in the armrest of the seat, ensure that individual recline requirements are easily achieved.



■ To boost bookings on the Tokyo service, BCAL recently introduced a reservations 'hot line' for travel agents, on Linkline telephone number (0800) 414123. Pictured at the special reservations desk are, from left to right: Chris Benn, Reservations Manager; Lorraine Sellers, Reservations Agent; Japanese BCAL hostesses Mayumi Higashihara and Maki Imoto; Sue Wild, Reservations Agent; and Peter Horder, General Manager U.K. Sales and Marketing. Seated in the foreground are Reservations Agents Penny Anderson (left) and Geraldine Morris.

## Inaugural flight is a family affair

BCAL's inaugural flight from Moscow to Tokyo next Tuesday (June 2) will be something of a family affair for Captain Wally Brunn and his wife Christine.

For, while Captain Brunn will be commanding the flight, Christine will be the Flight Purser in charge of cabin services.

And to add to the first flight celebrations, Christine, who flies under her family name of Christine Robinson, will be spending her 36th birthday in Moscow.

"It could be very romantic," she told BCAL News. "Who knows, we might take a stroll in Red Square and sing 'Midnight in Moscow!'"

They certainly met in a romantic location — a crew bus in Lagos — and married in 1983.

Christine has emulated the Duchess of York (or was it the other way round?) by learning to fly and recently flew solo for the first time, in a Cessna 152, from a flying school in Dallas.

"I have already logged 13 hours' flying time; so, if Wally needs an extra pair of hands on the flight deck, he knows he can count on me," she joked. "After all, he's only logged around 22,500 hours!"

Captain Brunn is, in fact



■ Move over Wally! Moscow here we come! Armed with her recently acquired PPL, Chris takes the left hand seat to point out the finer points of flying to husband Captain Wally Brunn in preparation for the couple's departure to Moscow on the first BCAL scheduled service from Gatwick.

BCAL's second most senior captain and the airline's most senior Training Captain. He joined Caledonian Airways in 1966 with a captain's rank flying Britannias and subsequently converted to Boeing 707.

After serving as Deputy Fleet Manager, Boeing 707, he joined BCAL's DC-10 Fleet as a Training Captain and, when the airline took delivery of its first Boeing 747 about six years ago, transferred to its 747 Fleet as a Training Captain.

Commenting on the prospects for the inaugural flight from Moscow to Tokyo, he told BCAL News: "Few BCAL pilots have had an opportunity to operate in or out of Moscow and I am looking forward to that experience."

"A great deal of work has been done to prepare for the introduction of Moscow and Tokyo and both flight and cabin crews are being thoroughly briefed."

"After a few days' rest in Tokyo, Captain Brunn and his crew will operate one of the first

non-stop BCAL flights from Tokyo.

Christine joined Caledonian-BUA 15 years ago as a junior, having been recruited in Manchester. She comes from nearby Bolton and previously worked as a pharmacologist in Cheshire.

"I am really looking forward to the inaugural flight from Moscow," she said, "especially in view of the fact that Wally and I will be flying together. You can say that I'm a very happy hostess!"

## Japan now very firmly 'on-line'

JAPAN is now very firmly 'on-line' as one of the 26 countries currently served by BCAL. That is the message Manager Japan, Robbie Baird, and his 30-strong team of staff is making loud and clear in the Tokyo marketplace.

"Our aim is to provide a service with a difference, and we are reinforcing this theme with a marketing and promotion the like of which we are sure has never before been seen in Japan," said Mr Baird.

"We are banging the BCAL drum as hard as we can, wherever we can," he said.

"In the final three weeks of May, a team of our best sales staff, backed up by uniformed hostesses and pipers from the BCAL Pipes and Drums, will 'hit' every one of the 400 travel agents in the Greater Tokyo area in a way they surely won't forget."

"The skirl of pipes coupled with armfuls of sales information handed out by the most delightful tartan-clad girls, is not going to fade from the memory easily."

Mr Baird said the programme was being backed up by a major 1,000 million yen (£4 million sterling) advertising campaign urging the Japanese to 'try the tartan check experience' through the pages of more than 50 major newspapers and magazines and on the main Tokyo TV and radio stations.

In addition, the BCAL product is being promoted in both the travel and cargo industries with an intensive series of presentation evenings running up to and beyond the start of services at the end of

May.

"I am pretty sure that with all the noise we are making, there will be few in the industry who will not be aware of our arrival by the time our first Boeing 747 touches down at Narita International Airport," said Mr Baird.

"But that's the way it has got to be if we are going to make any impact in such a sophisticated and toughly competitive market."

Mr Baird's confidence is well founded. Within ten minutes of the Tokyo office being officially opened for business by the British Ambassador, Sir John Whitehead, and the Deputy Director General of International Transport and Tourism, Kiyoshi Terashima, 21 bookings were received.

The momentum was maintained and, by the end of the first day, almost an entire 'Jumbo' load of passengers had logged reservations and cargo had been booked as well.

"We are raring to go," said Mr Baird. "We have a superb team of professionals here in Tokyo."



■ Pictured in the Tokyo office reception area are (left to right): Robbie Baird, Manager Japan; Jean-Pierre Sonta, Acting Airport Manager; Nic Mercer, Manager Route Start Up Project Team; Hisako Sento, Secretary to Manager Japan; Russ Davis, Commercial Operations Manager, Japan; and Peter Kenworthy, Japan Route Start-Up Co-ordinator.



■ Aiming to achieve BCAL cargo carryings of 60 tonnes per week from Tokyo are (left to right): Haruhiko Ishii, Cargo Sales Rep; Toshio Sugimori, Snr Cargo Sales Rep; Keith Gascoigne, who, as a member of the route project start-up team, was visiting Tokyo at the time of the News' visit; Michiko Suda, Cargo Res Agent (seated at CDU); Akira Ito, Cargo Res Agent; and (seated on desk) Akio Ryuji, Cargo Sales Manager.



■ Take your seats for Japan! Managing Director David Coltman and Commercial Director Peter Smith toast the success of BCAL's new non-stop service to Tokyo from the new Business Class seat that will be fitted to the 747 aircraft for Sunday's launch. Looking on are BCAL girls Fukuda Yoko, Ichikawa Yuko, Hiromi Matsuoka and Yukiko Miyamoto.



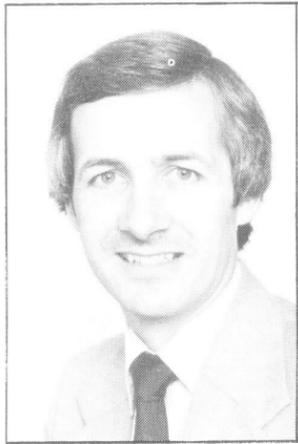
■ Spearheading BCAL's passenger sales operation in Tokyo are (left to right): Masanori Fukuda, Passenger Sales Rep; Yoshiaki Kato, Snr Passenger Sales Rep; Naohiko Nomura, Passenger Sales Rep; Yuko Niimura, Passenger Sales Support; and Yoza Nagashima, Passenger Sales Manager, Japan.



■ Within ten minutes of the office officially opening in Tokyo city centre, the BCAL reservations team had recorded 21 bookings. They are (left to right): Kiyoe Wakui (on phone), Ticket and Reservations Controller; Hiromi Koshiishi, Ticket and Res Agent; Takesh Nakaiima, Ticket and Res Agent; and Mieko Miyazawa, Ticket and Res Agent.

## New General Manager for Commercial Planning Department

BCAL has announced the appointment of **Andy Bridgeman** as General Manager Commercial Planning. Formerly the airline's Head of Research and Product Development, he has held numerous senior posts within Planning, Operations and Commercial divisions.



■ Andy Bridgeman

He joined British United in 1969 and subsequently worked in BCAL's Planning Division until transferring to Operations ten years later.

Commenting on the appointment, John Prothero Thomas, Planning Director said: "Andy brings back to Planning Division a wide spread of both operational and commercial experience which will be of great value to the Division in the future."

He succeeds John Osborne, who recently took up the new Commercial Division position of General Manager, Commercial Procedures and Resources.

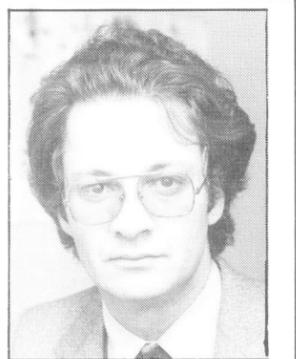
Captain Lawrence Allan has been appointed Project and Development Pilot BAC 1-11 and Captain George Hallatt, Project and Development Pilot A320.

Brian Jackson, BCAL's Manager Budgetary Services during the past five years, has taken up a new appointment as Divisional Accountant Flight Operations.

Derek Illman has added the management of Budgetary Services to his existing responsibilities and assumes the new title of Manager Financial Planning and Budgets.

David Tinker recently took up a new appointment as Group Chief Internal Auditor, having joined the department last year as a manager.

Kristin Grantham has taken up the post of Product Development Manager, controlling the activities of the Product Development section, comprising Senior Product Development Executive Joanna James and Product Development Executive Robert Pope.



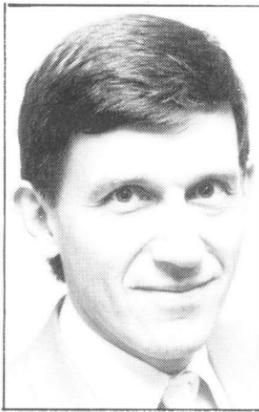
### Hong Kong role

GEORGE Reed (above), who was formerly BCAL's Manager Projects and Quality Assurance, has this month taken up a new appointment in Hong Kong, as Manager Airport Services for Caledonian Far East Airways.

His appointment is seen as an important step in the development of CFEA and his responsibilities will include those of BCAL Airport Manager Hong Kong.

### Acting Head of Security

RAY SEARLE, BCAL's Head of Security, has taken early retirement. Pending the appointment of his successor, Bob Orridge, currently Manager System Control and Integrity, will act as Head of Security. Jim Francis, Security Superintendent Operations and Tom Cannon, Security Superintendent Fraud Prevention and Investigation, will report to Bob.



### GM for Pamodzi

NEW General Manager of the Pamodzi Hotel, Lusaka, is Peter Owen (above), who was formerly manager of an hotel in The Gambia.



### Houston-based

JEFF Milton (above), formerly Commercial Operations Manager Nigeria, has taken up a new appointment as Manager Financial Analysis USA, based in Houston.



### King of the JP's

IAN King (above), BCAL's General Manager Property Services, has been appointed Justice of the Peace for the Sussex Division. He was sworn in by Judge Gower at Lewes Crown Court on May 12.

He joined the airline in 1985

## Alan Painter is appointed Manager Italy

ALAN PAINTER currently BCAL's Manager Cabin Staff, is to take up a new appointment as Manager Italy on October 1. He will succeed David Cooper, who is to take up another overseas posting.

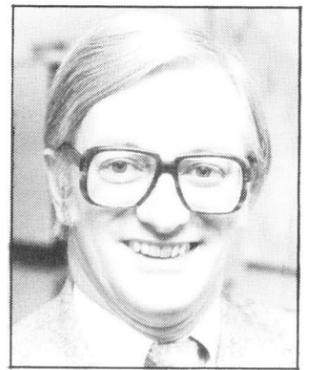
Before joining In-Flight Services, Alan was Field Sales Manager within the U.K. and previously the airline's Manager in Belgium, Morocco and Tunisia.

David recently spearheaded the efforts of staff in Italy to organise the successful launch of daily services between Milan and Gatwick, a route which will soon be operated by the Airbus A320.

Another key overseas management appointment is that of Beverley Bennett, formerly Airport Manager Douala, as Manager Cote d'Ivoire, based in Abidjan.

Beverley took up her new posting on April 30.

Tony Collier, previously Sales Manager Gulf, has returned to the U.K. to become Regional Sales Manager London Sales.



■ Alan Painter

### Sales Manager for San Diego

BCAL has appointed David Rushton to the newly created position of Sales Manager, San Diego. He was previously Marketing Manager — Leisure Travel, North America based at BCAL's North American headquarters in Houston, Texas.

He has been primarily responsible for developing leisure, conference, incentive and

group travel for British Caledonian in the U.S.A. as well as implementing joint marketing ventures.

As Sales Manager, San Diego, Mr. Rushton will be responsible for the further growth and development of British Caledonian's proposed direct services between San Diego and London.

### New Passenger Services appointments

SEVERAL Passenger Services appointments have been announced by Alan Mitchell, Head of Passenger Services.

Peter Nettlefold has been appointed Manager London Stations, succeeding Nigel Cotton, who transferred to Divisional Personnel in

January.

Since joining BCAL in 1966, he has worked in all areas of Passenger Services and has had several overseas secondments.

As a result of Peter's promotion and Arthur Westgate's recent transfer to Dubai, two new Passenger

Services Duty Controllers have been appointed.

Barry Roberts has replaced Peter and Mike Blunt has taken over from Arthur.

Both have extensive experience in Passenger Services and associated Ground Operations departments.

## Swap sons for a week - within the BCAL family

WOULD any member of BCAL or other Group company staff be interested in swapping sons for a few weeks? Rita Tayach, the airline's accountant in Tunis, poses the question in a letter to *BCAL News*.

Her son, who is 16, is keen to perfect his English, but Rita is wary about sending him to an unknown family in an exchange scheme.

She is, therefore, wondering if anyone working for BCAL would be willing to have her son to stay with them for two or three weeks and, in return, Rita would entertain a boy of similar age who wishes to practise French.

Rita is German, her husband is Tunisian and the family languages are Arabic and French!

Apart from meeting her own requirements, she would be willing to correspond with any other BCAL staff member who

would like to organise jointly a register of families interested in her 'family exchange' idea.

Anyone interested should write to Rita at Tunis town office.

• In a memo to *BCAL News* drawing attention to Rita's excellent idea, John Shorrocks, Manager Tunis, asks: "Has anyone ever put forward the idea of swapping homes within the BCAL 'family' for holidays?"

Please write to Joan if you wish to take him up on his suggestion.

Or drop a line to *BCAL News* and we could publish a list of those willing to 'swap' homes.

### Obituary

## Capt. Charles Coates

IT is with deep regret that we report the death of Captain Charles Coates who died suddenly on May 5 while on holiday in Corsica. He was 63.

Messages of sympathy and support to his widow Shona and family were immediately extended on the Company's behalf by David Kemp, of BCAL Flight Training.

In a special tribute to Charles Coates, Flight Operations Director John Fugl told *BCAL News*: "Without any shadow of doubt, all who knew Charles Coates will be devastated by news of his death.

"He was a friend to all those privileged to be with him. His own modest attitude was that he performed a function that genuinely reflected his desire to help colleagues to fly aeroplanes.

"To this end, he retired from BCAL in 1984 as a DC-10 Training Captain to join the BCAL Flight Training Centre to perform a role he clearly relished."

## Olympic Gymnastics Centre planned for Crawley Club

FORMER gymnastics champion Loretta Prebble, a Purchasing Assistant with BCAL, has become actively involved in an ambitious scheme to help budding gymnasts, mentally handicapped children and lively youngsters from all over West Sussex.

The scheme, to build an Olympic Gymnastics Centre in the grounds of Oakwood Sports and Social Club in Tinsley Lane, Crawley, could be under way by autumn this year if — and only if — she and her gymnastic colleagues can raise the first £10,000.

The Sports Council and various other funding bodies between them will then, they hope, meet the remainder of the project's total estimated cost of £120,000.

Loretta, 25, who 'retired' from gymnastics at the grand old age of 18 with a string of successes to her name, including the West Sussex Floor Vault Championship, now devotes her energy to part-time coaching — and to fund-raising for the new Centre.

She is based at BCAL's Iain Stewart Centre, at Gatwick.

"At present I help coach 24 gymnasts from

the Crawley-based Hawth Gymnastics Club," she says, "but the area we train in is far too small — and only available for six hours a week.

"As you can imagine, this is hardly conducive to producing gymnasts of a high standard."

The new Centre will cater for both boys and girls, with classes for all ages and abilities and, possibly special classes for mentally handicapped children.

Head Coach will be Sally-Anne Warner, an ex-national gymnast, a former student at London Contemporary Dance and now a qualified Aerobics Instructor.

"We hope that by having this gym we can offer children a much more comprehensive insight into the world of gymnastics, in a spacious and safe environment with top quality coaches," says Loretta, who will continue to coach part-time there.

Loretta and her colleagues were delighted when BCAL sponsored last year's high-standard Gymnastics Competition at Crawley Leisure Centre, from which Lisa Elliot went on to become British Champion.

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## Air cargo with a difference

■ WORKING in the sort of weather conditions for which the North Sea is notorious, BCAL Helicopters' crews are always on the alert to respond to calls for help.

But the S.O.S. they answered recently was definitely one to be logged under the heading of 'unusual operation'.

For, in this case, the initials stood for Save Our Swan!

'Hissing Sid' was the name given by the crew of the BP support vessel *Seagair* — which is Gaelic for cormorant — to the migrating swan which flopped exhausted on to the deck of the ship.

*Seagair* was on standby duty off the Magnus platform, north-east of Shetland, and the weary swan didn't hesitate to make an emergency landing when it realised it couldn't fly much further.

Crew members managed to get 'Sid' into a cardboard box, then put out a call to BCAL Helicopters: "Can you fly a swan to Aberdeen?"

Captain John Stokes and First Officer Jerry Hart wondered if they



■ 'Personally, I recommend flying with BCAL Helicopters,' says Hissing Sid after touching down at Aberdeen with his good friends Captain John Stokes and First Officer Jerry Hart.

were being given the bird! And they were, literally.

On arrival at Aberdeen Airport, Inspector Calum Watt, from the Aberdeen Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, took the swan into his care.

A local vet gave 'Sid' a clean bill of health and, as soon as he had

regained his strength after a good meal at Inspector Watt's home, he released him back into the wild at an estuary north of Aberdeen.

What 'Sid' made of his helicopter flight we'll never know. No doubt he reckoned that whatever type of giant bird he was flying with, it was a lot less tiring than flapping his wings!



## Bill Stace on the air

■ INTERVIEWS with several BCAL staff members were recently broadcast on a nationwide BBC Radio Four educational programme on the subject of careers in travel and tourism.

Among those facing the microphone was Bill Stace, Manager Flight Planning and Dispatch, who is seen in the picture (above) with interviewer Val Bethell.

"We discussed career opportunities in this department for school leavers and young people who have completed the Youth

Training Scheme," Bill told *BCAL News*. A number of graduates from the BCAL-managed YTS scheme have already gained jobs in the department.

Also interviewed was Captain David Lewry, Flight Safety Adviser, who outlined the qualifications required of aspiring BCAL pilots.

And Zelda Coombs, Cabin Staff Recruitment Officer, answered the question which thousands of would-be air hostesses ask every year: "How do I become a 'Caledonian Girl'?"

## Ever had a sinking feeling?

■ IT seemed a good idea at the time! Members of Thames Valley Rowing Club, chosen by the Hong Kong Tourist Association as Britain's representatives in the annual Dragon Boat Races, to be held in Hong Kong next month, would row up and down the Thames for the benefit of Press photographers and TV camera crews.

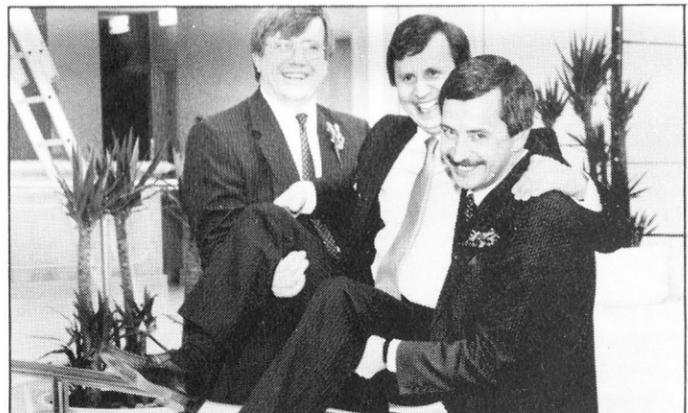
Off they went, their boat emblazoned with BCAL identity — the airline will be flying the team out to Hong Kong — followed by a launch laden with photographers.

Suddenly, however, the Press launch cut across the bows of the Dragon boat and, in the resulting wash, the boat quickly began to take on water.

Within seconds, photographers got far better pictures than they had expected, as the oarsmen scrambled to safety from their sinking boat.

A somewhat embarrassing end to the exercise — though they repeated it more successfully when they had drained all the water out.

And one thing's for sure — the publicity was far better than could have been envisaged had the boat stayed on an even keel!



## In at the deep end...?

■ WHEN you're General Manager of a brand new four-star hotel, opening day must be like going in the deep end. And Stephen Price, who heads the management team at the 220-room Copthorne Birmingham, nearly did just that!

For, in appreciation of Stephen's sterling efforts in getting the hotel ready in time, Copthorne Hotels' Managing Director, Michael Brooker (left), and Vice-President Operations Peter Taylor threatened to throw him the pool!

Well, if you can't splash out on opening day, when can you?

## Kumasi's favourite piper

■ PIPER Mike Farrell travels the world as a member of BCAL's Pipes and Drums. But he reserves a special place in his thoughts for the orphans who live at the Kumasi Children's Home, in Ghana.

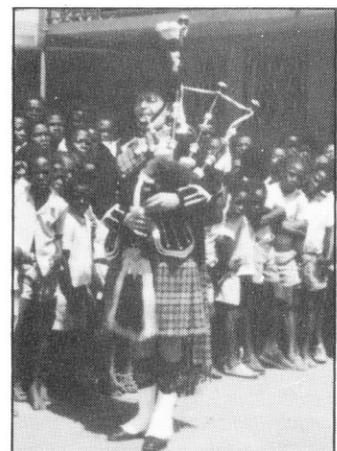
Whenever he returns to Accra, the country's capital, to play at Burns Night and St. Andrew's Night dinners — or at the Queen's Birthday party at the residence of the British High Commission — Mike makes time to visit his little friends at Kumasi.

He takes them clothes and shoes, and, as our picture shows, plays the bagpipes for them.

Mike does not broadcast his work for the orphans, but *BCAL News* was recently shown a letter written to him by Vida N. Abbam, Child Care Officer at the home.

It read: 'Dear Mike Farrell — We were very touched that you remembered us on your return to Ghana.'

'Thank you so much for the clothes and, in particular, the shoes. These are very expensive in Ghana and it is difficult supplying the children.'



'On behalf of the orphans we thank you so very much.'

Mike has played in the BCAL Pipe Band since 1969.



## Copthorne's in-house magazine

COPTHORNE Hotels, Britain's fastest-growing international four-star hotel group, has launched an in-house magazine with a difference.

Rather than adopting the traditional hotel magazine format concentrating on information about the hotel itself, *Facets* is designed as a general 'lifestyle' magazine with low-key reference to the destinations where Copthorne has hotels.

The first issue comprises 32 pages, 20 of which carry editorial and feature articles including celebrity pieces from Russell Harty and



■ Front cover of 'Facets'.

Wayne Sleep, plus stories on diving and fashion.

\* Copthorne Hotels has become the latest hotel group to sign a contract to accept the Airplus Card at all its hotels, worldwide.

Says Alison Cryer, Copthorne Hotels' Marketing Manager: "We are pledging our support to the new Airplus Card because it is targeted at our main market sector—the business traveller."

Copthorne Hotels now operates nine international properties: the Copthornes London-Gatwick, Aberdeen, Birmingham, Glasgow and Plymouth; the Arcade Stephanie, Brussels; Heywoods, Barbados; the Bonaire Beach, Netherland Antilles; the Pamodzi, Lusaka; and the Atlantic, The Gambia.

Copthorne Manchester opens its doors on June 19.

\* The Atlantic Hotel in Banjul, The Gambia, was the venue for a recent top-level summit meeting of West African Heads of State, hosted by President Sir Dawda Jawara.



■ All fit and ready for the off—BCAL's record-breaking entry for the 1987 London Marathon. Members of the BCAL team, pictured above, and their finishing times, were:

1. Jean Pierre Savary, France (BCAL quest), 2.22.43. 2. Frederick Adongo, Ghana (BCAL guest), 2.25.33. 3. Abass Mohammed, Nigeria (BCAL guest), 2.30.45. 4. Hirofumi Tominaga, Japan (BCAL guest), 2.31.41. 5. Stephen McGuinness, Saudi Arabia (BCAL Jeddah guest), 2.36.38. 6. Evert van Ravensberg, Netherlands (BCAL guests), 2.43.24. 7. Willy Patry, Belgium (BCAL guest), 2.45.23. 8. Donnai Beugre, Ivory Coast (BCAL guests), 2.47.56. 9. Toure Woyenan, Ivory Coast (BCAL guest), 2.47.56. 10. Winnie Ng, Hong Kong (BCAL guest), 2.48.17. 11. Walterson Litute, Cameroon (BCAL guest), 2.49.10. 12. Brian Standlick, Saudi Arabia (BCAL Riyadh guest), 2.52.43. 13. Ian Banks, Dubai (BCAL

guest), 2.53.43. 14. Bob Luck, U.K. BCAL (Line Maintenance), 2.58.56.

15. Dave Roberts, U.K. BCAL (Computer Development), 3.02.58. 16. George Cole, Sierra Leone (BCAL guest), 3.04.11. 17. Mick Evans, U.K. BCAL (Base Maintenance), 3.08.17. 18. Masaru Yatsuda, Japan (BCAL guest), 3.11.56. 19. Alan Moffat, U.K. BCAL (Base Maintenance), 3.19.49. 20. Bob Wallace, U.K. BCAL (Transport W/Shop), 3.20.10. 21. Ronnie Sloan, U.K. (BCAL Scotland guest), 3.24.10. 22. Peter Barnett, U.K. (BCAL Sales guest), 3.33.42. 23. Bob Barnett, U.K. BCAL (Line Maintenance), 3.44.42. 24. Klaus Rygaard, Zambia (BCAL guest), 3.54.22. 25. Ian Bagshaw, U.K. BCAL (Base Maintenance), 3.55.25. 26. Philip Sinnott, U.K. BCAL (Cabin Services), 3.56.30. 27. Michael Fred, U.S.A. (BCAL Houston guest), 4.05.10. 28. Garnet Hunt, U.K. (Cal Air Intl — Captain), 4.08.29. 29.

Andrew Anderson, Zambia (BCAL guest), 4.12.42. 30. David Mason, U.K. (BCAL Press Office guest), 4.13.03.

31. Ed Nystrom, U.S.A. (BCAL Los Angeles guest), 4.13.51. 32. Tony Copestake, U.K. (BCAL Manchester guest), 4.18.33. 33. Derek Cousins, Oman (BCAL guest), 4.20.05. 34. Mike Waterson, U.K. (Cal Air Intl — F/O), 4.25.16. 35. Robert Ainsworth, Saudi Arabia (BCAL Dhahran guest), 4.28.17. 36. Anthony Marsden, U.K. BCAL (Marketing Communications), 4.31.04. 37. Garry Clark, U.K. (BCAL Sales guest), 4.31.04. 38. Stewart Davies, U.K. (BCAL Sales guest), 4.31.43. 39. James Gilpin, U.S.A. (BCAL Dallas guest), 4.32.36. 40. Jacques Ceesay, Gambia (BCAL guest), 4.33.44. 41. Ken Clement, U.K. BCAL (Engineering), 4.35.20. 42. Alan Prellberg, U.S.A. (BCAL New York guest), 4.36.13. 43. Raymond Laperriere, Switzerland BCAL (sales

executive), 4.40.08. 44. Betty Jones, U.S.A. (BCAL Los Angeles guest), 4.40.11.

45. Mick Nice U.K. BCAL (Aircraft Appearance Unit), 4.42.30. 46. Neil Hunt, Dubai (BCAL guest), 4.45.48. 47. Damian Breen, Ivory Coast BCAL (Manager), 5.05.37. 48. Gordon Durber, United Arab Emirates (BCAL guest), 5.07.00. 49. John Marsh, U.K. BCAL (Standards & Development), 5.07.10. 50. Kim Owen, U.K. BCAL (Cabin Services), 5.10.20. 51. Wil Puk, Cameroon BCAL (Manager), 5.12.53. 52. Basil Ball, U.K. (BCAL sales guest), 5.13.59. 53. Robin Chamberlain, U.K. BCAL (Line Engineering), 5.28.13. 54. Simone Plumez, Switzerland BCAL (Secretary), 5.34.26. 55. Egerton Jones, Sierra Leone BCAL (Sales Supv), 5.49.03. 56. Allan Brown, U.S.A. (BCAL Atlanta guest), Did not finish, injury at 20 miles.

# BCAL breaks overseas record for London Marathon entries

**BRITISH Caledonian provided the 1987 Mars London Marathon with its single, largest overseas entry ever.**

A total of 56 runners, representing 18 countries on four continents, lined up in BCAL colours to represent the airline in the seventh running of the world's premier long-distance race.

Runners from around Britain, from France, Belgium, the Netherlands, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Hong Kong, Japan, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Cameroon, the United States, the Ivory Coast, Switzerland and The Gambia flew to London with BCAL to join the team of BCAL runners.

BCAL's hopes of helping one of the international

participants feature strongly in this year's event were pinned on the two contestants from Japan.

To celebrate the launch by BCAL on May 31 of British non-stop services to Tokyo, the airline, which had been named official carrier to the event, invited two top Japanese runners, Hirofumi Tominaga and Masaru Yatsuda, to fly to Britain and take part.

Both had recorded times of around two hours and 15 minutes for previous marathon events and confidently predicted to be among the first 100 or so to finish.

However, Jean Pierre Savary, from France — with a time of 2 hours 22 minutes and 43 seconds — was the first BCAL finisher and 67th overall.

Second was Frederick

Adongo, from Ghana, with a time of 2 hours 25 minutes and 33 seconds; and placed 88th overall and third was Abass Mohammed, from Nigeria, with a time of 2 hours 30 minutes and 45 seconds.

Winnie Ng, from Hong Kong, was the tenth placed BCAL finisher and the 31st female finisher with a time of 2 hours 48 minutes and 17 seconds.

There was an added bonus for the BCAL runners to finish well in the event. The airline presented a cheque for £2,500 to the highest placed BCAL runner, and a cheque for £1,500 for the second placed BCAL finisher, and £1,000 for the third placed BCAL entry.

The money was donated to each of the winners' preferred charity.

Thanks to BCAL, a splash

of tartan was not missing from the 1987 event either. Members of the airline's recently recruited team of Japanese 'Caledonian Girls' were at the finish line to congratulate the BCAL finishers.

Scotsman Ronnie Sloan, aged 43 from Edinburgh, was dressed in a tartan outfit in his bid to raise funds for the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Another BCAL competitor — Garry Clark, from Coventry — chalked up a first for Britain by becoming the only runner to complete the Hebrides and London Marathons within 24 hours.

All 19 BCAL staff who started the race finished. But it was Bob Luck, from Line Maintenance, who recorded the fastest time of 2 hrs and 58 mins and 56 seconds.

## Wingspan Club call to all good darts players

IF you are a good darts player then BCAL's Wingspan darts team needs your help — urgently! Due to a shortage of members, the team found it difficult to field a strong side this season and finished next to the bottom of the Crawley league.

A team spokesman told *BCAL News*: "Once again we appeal to the large number of BCAL staff who play darts, but for some reason seem reluctant to play for the Wingspan Club team, to join us."

Anyone interested should contact John Williams or John Clark in MT, on Ext. 2284 or Bill Wakeman, on Crawley 29338.

The spokesman added: "We would like to extend a warm welcome to the squad of Associate Members who have

been playing at the club under the name of Titanic, but have now decided to change their name to Wingspan 'B'."

Sounds a lot more positive than Titanic!

### Elected to serve

VANESSA Tindall was elected to the chair of the Netball Section Committee at their recent AGM. Vicky Jones is the new Secretary, and the Treasurer is now Jane Stoner.

## Grass hockey season is under way

GRASS hockey is enjoying a seasonal renewal of interest, with enough keen players to support a men's team and a mixed team from among BCAL staff.

The season began at the beginning of May and the section's organisers are still looking for new blood to swell numbers. With more support from women they envisage starting a women's team as well.

For further information please contact Tony D'Costa (ext. 2427), Home, Crawley 543520; Chris Thorpe (ext. 2639), Home, (966) 47521; or Tari Purba (ext. 70499), Home, Crawley 37668.

## Title won by one goal

MATERIAL Control are six-a-side soccer league champions — but what a close finish to this season's contest.

Both Cargo Revenue and Material Control ended up with 27 points and the championship was decided on a goal difference of just

one goal.

Top scorer this season was Mick Jenkins, of Material Control, who netted 21 of his side's 59 goals. Cargo Revenue's Peter Stratford was second highest goalscorer with 15.

Final league table for this season is as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Material Control	11	9	0	2	59	24	27
Cargo Revenue	11	9	0	2	52	18	27
Commercial Division	11	7	1	3	47	21	22
Engineering							
Development	11	6	1	4	30	25	19
Ticket Desk	11	6	0	5	37	33	18
Passenger Revenue	11	6	0	5	23	23	18
Reservations	11	5	1	5	25	29	16
Planning	11	4	2	5	30	22	14
Computer Services	11	4	0	7	33	48	12
Computer Development	11	3	1	7	24	30	10
Cargo Warehouse	11	3	0	8	20	78	9
Engineering Apprentices	11	1	0	10	10	39	3

## Staff Travel Manchester hotel deal

THE Copthorne Hotel Manchester is offering a special introductory room rate to celebrate its opening on June 19.

The normal room rates of £55 per night for a single room and £65 per night for a twin have been reduced to a flat rate of £38.50 for all bookings made before June 19.

For bookings made between June 19 and July 19, rates will be reduced by 20 per cent.

Rates are per room per night and are inclusive of VAT.

## Visa warning

STAFF travelling to the U.S.A. must be in possession of a valid Visa even if travelling on a flight which transits the U.S.A.

It is advisable to hold a visa, otherwise passengers' movements on the ground will be restricted. On occasions transit passengers are accompanied by a guard.

In the U.K., application forms for a visa are obtainable from the U.S. Embassy in London.

## Sheraton offer

THE Munich Sheraton Hotel is offering special rates to airline staff this summer.

Between July 1 and August 31, with the exception of August 14/22, a twin room is 65DM per person and a single is offered with a supplement of 25DM. Rates include taxes, service and full buffet breakfast.

To book ring (Toll Free) 0800 35 35 35.

## Tokyo for £95

THE round-trip fare for staff and their families travelling to Tokyo has been set at £95.

Returning staff travellers are advised to check-in for the Tokyo/Gatwick flight at Narita airport and not at the city terminal.