

- ① 500 recently discharged military pilots acquired C47s, C46s & C54s - (surplus transports) as touted by War Assets; a booklet entitled "V - start your own airline" which urged buying at 15% down, 36 months to pay at 4%.
- The major airlines on special deals had pre-the long range special passenger plush versions secret deals.

- ② From the first day, the C.A.B. <sup>& ATA</sup> altho caught by surprise began a war plan to destroy this new competition. Overnight the press, the federals & the industry began their word attacks. We were deemed to be IRREGULARS, FLY BY NIGHTS, TRAMPS, VIOLATORS, NON SCHEDULED, CREAM SKIMMERS

- ③ Eastern was booked 6 wks. in advance - so the new independents - East Coast, Caribe Air, air Transport Assoc, Trans Caribbean, Mason & Dixon etc etc moved the passengers between N.Y. - Boston & Miami.
- We were allowed one six foot plywood counter in a corner of the lobby for two or three weeks - then moved to the former ATC base at 20th St three or four miles away.

- ④ By summer 1946 the traffic & activity shifted to Calif, Chi, N.Y. and Seattle to Alaska.

- ⑤ By Spring of 1947 Trans Ocean, at Northern, POA had begun crossing the Atlantic - Paris, Shannon to N.Y. with immigrants to Canada & S. America, cargo to Sweden and over booked students & tourists.

- ⑥ Then in '47 the heavy traffic out of Puerto Rico started

- ⑦ Spring of '48 - bot N79975 for 31000 = missing nose wheel & an engine.

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- ⑨ July 48 Jews seized N 50021
- ⑩ Summer of '48 N79975 converted to plush E model by POA in Ontario. Flaw non stop Sept 48 Oak → NK 13 hrs. — leased to Aerovis Guest 15,000/mo. DRY
- ⑪ Paris — Israel fall of '48 to repassess 021 after threats and attack by State Dept. that we had sold a C54 — (munition) without a lic. to Israel. Meanwhile El Al came into existence with the stolen 021 and ran shed. service between Tel Aviv & Paris & Geneva — carried ex Sec Treas Morgenthau, Roosevelt's grandson, VIPS & gov. officials including Chaim Weitzman, Ben Gurion etc.
- ⑫ after threats, delays etc. etc. 021 wrecked at Tel Aviv — we got two chks. on a Swiss bank for 50,000 & 100,000 (half of the insured value) plus expenses of \$4000.00 part of which was counterfeit.
- ⑬ Safely back to N.Y. Jan 1949 — collected rest of \$300,000 after threatening to put expose pictures in the N.Y. daily news.
- ⑭ Bot two DC4s from AA for \$180,000.00 & sold the eight engines for \$120,000 & replaced with military engines for 60,000 — actual cost \$60,000 per DC4
- ⑮ Bot 4 plush DC 3's from American & Tulsa