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**FOUR AVIATORS  
PLAN NON-STOP  
GOOD WILL HOP**

South American Flight to Be  
Started Early in  
1929.

*By United Press*  
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 2.—A nonstop good will flight between the two Americas—north to south—by four Birmingham aviators will be made early in 1929.

Announcement of the flight was made today by Lieutenant Donald C. Beatty, flight commander of the 106th Observation Squadron, Alabama National Guard, who will be chief pilot and director.

Including Lieutenant Beatty, the flight personnel will be made of Leslie A. Walker, assistant director, navigator and co-pilot, with nine years' active flying experience.

**One Flier With Byrd**

Robb C. Oertel, co-pilot and assistant director; trained in flying during the war, served in France with the 185th Aero Squadron; fourth in command of the successful flight over the North Pole by Commander Richard E. Byrd in 1926.

W. O. Browne, business manager, adjutant of the First Pursuit Wing, air service during the war.

The nonstop flight will be made in an American tri-motored plane, type of which has not been selected, Lieutenant Beatty said.

Following the nonstop flight from some yet undecided southern port to Barranquilla, Colombia, the aviators will tour the South American continent. The nonstop distance is roughly 1,500 miles.

**Seek Good Will**

Betterment of trade relations between the two Americans will be the purpose of the round-the-continent tour which follows the nonstop flight.

A motion picture describing the American cities and industries participating in the flight will be shown at each city visited.

The tour includes thirty-four trade centers of South America. The total population of the cities visited is 10,000,000. An advisory board for the flight is being chosen from leaders in the principal cities of this country, Lieutenant Beatty said.

**Avro Avians Win Favor**

Avro Avians, the light planes manufactured by the British de Havilland Aircraft Company, are coming to the western world in ever increasing numbers. In addition to fifty every six months, contracted for by Air Associates, the Chilean government has ordered forty, all of which are to be delivered by the end of the year.

So far as Air Associates orders are concerned, according to The Aero-plane, this means that more than 1,200 tons of aircraft will be received here from Britain in the next six months.

**Russia Extends Air Lines**

Plans are now under way to triple Russia's air lines within five years. Russia now has 11,000 kilometers of air service. There are three groups of Russian air companies. One group connects the country with the west; another connects Moscow with Pehlevi, Persia. The last group covers central Asia and some of the far east where the airplane has not yet cut travel time, but does away with a hazardous trip from the frontier of Kabul, Afghanistan.

The air trip from the Afghan capital to Tashkent, in Russian Central Asia, takes but a few hours.

The new projects are for air lines where communication is now limited to railroads and river ships. One is to be between Vladivostok and Moscow, with side lines to Peiping and Tokio. Russian aviation has suffered few accidents.

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**Rome Is Their Air Goal**



From New York City to Rome is the goal of Captain Peter Bonelli, left, and co-pilot Roger Q. Williams, right. Their plane, the famous monoplane Columbia, in which Chamberlin and Levine flew to Germany, is pictured below, prepared for the hop-off.

three fatal accidents, and during the past two seasons there were no serious mishaps.

**Marine Airmen Aid Troops**

The marine air corps still is doing good work in Nicaragua despite the weather. The corps supports the ground troops in a way which earns their gratitude. As one patrol put it:

"We certainly could not ask for finer co-operation than the air service gave up. They picked us out in the thick country; kept each patrol informed of the other's whereabouts, and gave us prompt service, got cigarettes when they were short, oil for the weapons, candles and rations. The fact that there is a liaison in emergency is felt and appreciated by every man in the column."

**Flying Gains in Safety**

In an effort to ascertain the conditions as to safety in air travel, Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, consulting statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, has completed a trip of 6,000 miles by airplane in the interest of ten leading life insurance companies.

His report to the companies reveals that the safety of air travel greatly has increased along the regular flying routes, without regard to stunt flying.

**Telephone to Vienna**

**New Service Will Go Into Effect Sunday, Officials Announce.**

Vienna, the eleventh largest city in the world, will be connected with Indianapolis and other large American cities by telephone Sunday, Indiana Bell Telephone company officials announced today.

Calls to Vienna will go across the Atlantic to London by radio telephone, across the English Channel by submarine cable and across Europe by land cables through Brussels, Cologne and Nuremberg.

Calls from Indianapolis will cost \$54 for the first three minutes and \$18 for each additional minute.

**AGED CLOCK TICKS ON**

105-Year-Old Timepiece Keeps Perfect Hours.

*By United Press*  
 PAWhuska, Okla., Nov. 2.—A 105-year-old clock, made entirely of wood, is still keeping accurate time for D. Engleman, Pawhuska. For twenty-five years the old clock was in the attic, but since being taken out, it has recorded time perfectly. The clock was made in Mas-

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to New York.

*By Times Special*

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—A tri-motored air passenger service for the Atlantic seaboard is planned by Pitcairn Aviation, Inc. The new lines

will cover all the principal eastern cities from New York to Miami, and the first link, between Atlanta and Greensboro, is to be opened in the spring.

Tri-motored planes capable of carrying twelve passengers each and their baggage will run on regular schedules from air depots designed for comfort and convenience.

Fast motor coaches will provide transportation from city centers to the air terminals, connecting with

all incoming and outgoing planes, according to the plans.

During the last year the company has been studying passenger airway operation in England, France and Germany. Pitcairn and the company's manager, Childs, just have completed an inspection of the excellent passenger air lines of the Pacific Coast.

They will incorporate in the new

Pitcairn line what they regard as the best equipment and features of these and other lines.

Schedules will be arranged to take

advantage of existing train service at connecting points, making it possible for travelers to change from plane to train or train to plane with little or no delay.

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crease her structural strength without so large a resulting increase in weight. Also, it is believed that her resistance to the air will be less than that of the longer ships, enabling smaller motors to move her at the same speed.

A further innovation in the R-100's construction has been to arrange the passengers' and crews' quarters entirely within the envelope of the ship, thus avoiding wind-resistance gondolas.

Before this step was taken, exhaustive tests were carried out with a view to insuring proper ventilation and avoiding any danger from the proximity of the hydrogen which will be contained in the gas bags.

"The R-100 is definitely intended for service on the Egypt-India route," declared Burney. "Thus she will not be called on for really long flights."

The capacity of the R-100 is 5-

00,000 cubic feet, as compared with the 3,350,000 capacity of the Graf Zeppelin. Commander Burney predicts that ships of nine and ten million cubic feet capacity will soon be seen. They should, he asserts, be capable of carrying 160 passengers.

"I do not think airships ever will be used for freight transport excepting mails," Burney said, "but I do expect the number of passengers to increase rapidly."

**College Favors Hoover**  
*By Times Special*  
 NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind., Nov. 2.—A survey at Manchester college here shows both students and faculty members prefer Hoover to Smith for president. Several students are members of a Hoover-for-president club.

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