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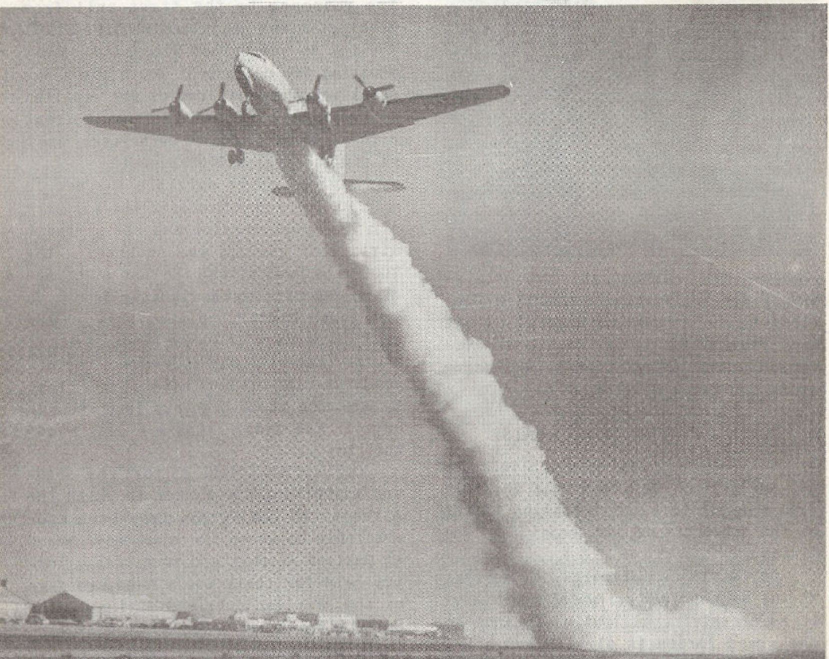

JATO delivery of the first of four United States Coast Guard search and rescue planes undergoing overhaul and modification by Transocean Air Lines at Oakland Municipal Airport. Modification includes the first JATO installations for Coast Guard landplanes. Photo by Carl Bigelow, staff photographer of the Oakland Tribune, is reproduced here through the courtesy of that newspaper.

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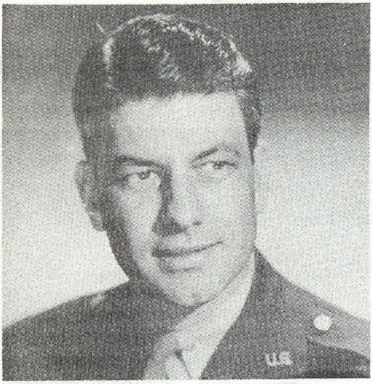


John Felton Turner, attorney, chairman of the California Aeronautics Commission and Commanding General of the 61st Fighter Wing, California Air National Guard has written an exclusive story for Taloa News Magazine

## CIVIL AVIATION WINS PRAISE

California's civil aviation industry has again responded to a call for help from the military, with telling effect on the opponents of our design for free living.

Our airlines, airports, commercial flying services and all the allied activities are giving all-out assistance to the armed forces in airlift and other operations relating to the emergency.

It is a source of great pride to those of us who have seen aviation grow up in our fair state to witness this mobilization of effort in behalf of the security of our nation and our people.

Only a few years have gone by since World War II in which civil aviation rendered outstanding service, and these postwar years, with their cut-backs, shortages, and razor-keen competition were trying ones for the aviation industry.

the invasion of South Korea I could tell by the attitude and conversation of the aviation people that their thoughts were 100 percent on what they could do to help our armed forces meet the situation. The response to the first call from Washington was quick and wholehearted. The ink on the United Nations document ordering the defense of South Korea was still wet when the first of the civilian carriers took off for the combat front with a capacity load of desperately needed war material and personnel.

Rapidly other carriers swarmed in with their planes to assist the Military Air Transport Service and the greatest airlift in history was underway - the 7000-mile haul across the vast stretches of the Pacific to the fighting front. To see these civilian planes roll up and take on cargoes of whole blood, troops, and war material and to witness the beyond-the-call-of-duty acts of the crews in speeding these precious loads to our boys in the front lines are real hear thrills.

Oakland Municipal Airport is a shining example of the manner in which the airports in California have been made available to serve the emergency. Based at Oakland Airport and receiving priority help for their every need are five of the civilian carriers flying in the Korea airlift. Also based there is Aircraft Engineering & Maintenance Company, which is engaged in overhauling and maintaining the Military Air Transport Service planes in the Pacific. The Transocean Air Lines subsidiary has called back some 1400 of the skilled labor pool it developed in rendering similar direct support to the Berlin airlift.

Another segment of our aviation population which has responded nobly in the present emergency is the California Air National Guard. Units of the Guard are already on active duty and others

I do considerable flying up and down the state and in the first few days after

are training diligently for a possible call.

## OAKLAND RESTAURANT

One of the showplaces and better eating spots of the world's airways is the new Oakland Airport Restaurant at Oakland, California which was reopened in October after extensive remodeling and redecoration.

Boasting dining room, cocktail lounge and coffee shop of ultra-modern design and featuring international cuisine and liquid concoctions, the restaurant is operated by Transocean Air Lines under lease from the Port of Oakland. Patricia O'Regan, of the Shannon, Ireland O'Regans, operators of the Shannon Airport restaurant, is manager.

Transocean Air Lines first gained fame in the restaurant business through the operation of a restaurant on Wake Island, one of the better eating spots st of Honolulu.

## STORY OF TALOA

Here's the true story behind the name "Taloa."

In the early days of Transocean Air Lines' history, the founders held a meeting for the purpose of selecting an official insignia for the company's aircraft.

There were many suggestions, but all agreed on the final selection, because of its romantic, worldly swing, and tailor-made answer to the problem of the moment.

## AEMCO CONTRACT AIDS ECONOMY

Support rendered to the Berlin airlift by Aircraft Engineering & Maintenance Company, Transocean Air Lines subsidiary, contributed 3,501,170 man-hours of employment and $10,101,927.48 in payrolls and purchases to the economy of the San Francisco Bay Area and the aviation industry.

Founded July 1, 1948 to perform overhaul and modification work on military and civilian transport planes, AEMCO provided cycle overhaul and maintenance on 249 "Operation Vittles" planes.

AEMCO is now engaged in rendering similar support to the Korea airlift.

## AEMCO AWARDED AMC CONTRACT

Aircraft Engineering & Maintenance Company of Oakland has been awarded a United States Government contract for the cycle reconditioning and overhaul of more than 125 four-engine (C-54) Military Air Transport Service planes now flying in the Korean airlift Ray T. Elsmore, president, announced recently.

The contract, totaling in excess of $3,500,000 will require a labor force of 1400 persons, Elsmore said. The work will be done at the AEMCO base at Oakland Municipal Airport.

Cycle reconditioning and overhaul was described as a progressive maintenance and overhaul system calling for certain specified work at the end of each 1000 flying hours. It was developed by the airlines and the military to

The new insignia created a big mystery and was the subject of considerable discussion at airports around the world until patient crewmen explained that it wasn't a word borrowed from a long lost language, but merely the abbreviation for Transocean Air Lines - Oakland Airport.

eliminate a former practice of grounding the aircraft for long periods when the time arrived for complete overhaul.

Subsidiary of Transocean Air Lines, AEMCO rendered similar support to the Berlin airlift, providing cycle maintenance and overhaul for 248 transports flying in "Operation Vittles."

## VETERANS ELECTED TO TAL BOARD

Three members of the original group of airline and war veterans who formed Transocean Air Lines on Okinawa late in World War II and who have served in executive roles during its rise to the world's largest contract air carrier, have been elected to the Board of Directors.

They

They are: Douglass F. Johnson, Vice President-Sales; Sherwood A. Nichols, Secretary of the corporation and executive assistant to the president, and Samuel L. Wilson, Vice President-Operations.

As a naval commander during the war, attached to the staff of Admiral J. W. Reeves, Johnson was responsible for a study made by the Navy of air transportation and world air cargo requirements.

Nichols, who has carried out many important assignments in connection with Transocean's globular operations, is now on inspection trip of Pacific bases, recently was named Executive Vice President of Aircraft Engineering & Maintenance Company, Transocean subsidiary.

Wilson, veteran of 22 years experience in aviation, served as director of operations for the Pacific Division of the Air Transport Command during the war. During the 22 months in which Transocean pioneered and operated an international service for Philippine Air Lines, Wilson served as Vice-President of the latter company. Wilson also

The addition of the trio of veterans further increases the vast fund of airline experience and know-how for which Transocean's board is noted. All airline captains, the remainder of the board boasts a total of more than 75,000 flying hours. President Orvis M. Nelson, who recently completed his 23rd year in aviation, flew 12 years as an airline captain, in domestic services and wartime operations in Alaska and the Pacific.

## BELGIAN CONTRACT

Belgian aircraft operating in the Korea airlift are being maintained and serviced by Transocean Air Lines.

Sabena, the Belgian airline has signed a contract with Transocean to maintain and handle Belgian aircraft Oakland, Honolulu, Wake, Okinawa and Tokyo.

## GENERAL KUTER PRAISES CARRIERS

"The civil air carriers responded instantly and whole-heartedly to the emergency and they have done a magnificent job. The scheduled and non-scheduled carriers now under contract to the Air Force have demonstrated they are in fact a true air transport reserve and an 'auxiliary to the Armed Forces.'"

This high tribute of the service

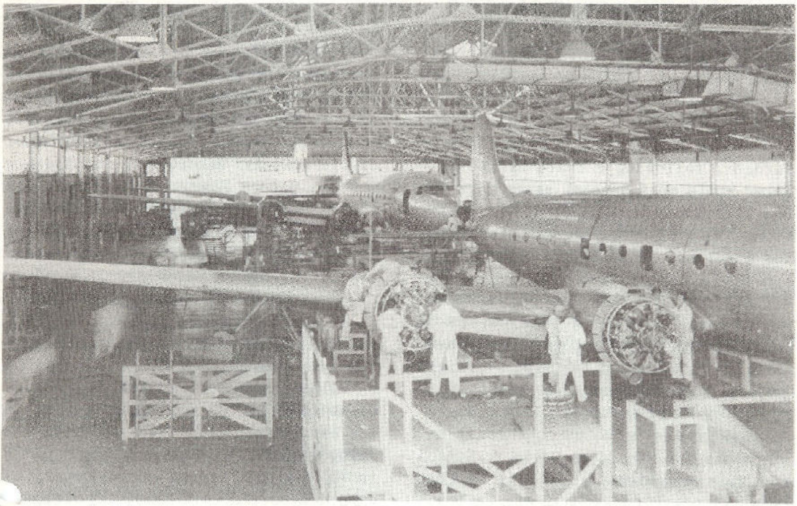
served as Director of Operations for Pak-Air during the period Transocean was assisting the airline in establishing international service.

The action was taken at the annual meeting of the Board and was preceded by the increasing of the number of authorized directors from seven to nine. One position on the board has remained vacant since the incorporation of the company in 1946.

rendered by Transocean Air Lines and other carriers was voiced recently by Maj. Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, commander of the Military Air Transport Service.

The help rendered by the civil carriers was credited with being instrumental in stepping up the air transportation across the Pacific of vital military material and personnel from 70 tons a month to more than 100 tons - 200,000 pounds - a day.

## GIVING LIFT TO AIRLIFT FLEET



Aircraft Engineering & Maintenance Company at Oakland is rendering direct support to military Air Transport Service in Korea airlift following award of contract for cycle overhaul and maintenance of more than 125 four-engine MATS transports. Photo shows MATS planes rolling down the AEMCO production line on the way back to service in the airlift.

## INTERLINE AGREEMENTS

Transocean Air Lines has signed interline agreements with 14 of the largest domestic and international carriers and agreements with other lines

## BALL TEAM WINS

Transocean Air Lines' championship baseball team is scheduled to step into Class A competition during the winter months, according to word from Manager are in the making, Douglass F. Johnson, TAL Vice President-Sales, announced recently.

The signed agreements, covering interchange of traffic and ticketing, are with the following airlines: American Airlines, United Air Lines, Trans World Airlines, Braniff Airways, Chicago & Southern, Western Air Lines, TACA, LAMSA, Swiss Air, SAS, Sabena, Pan American World Airways, Panagra and tional Airlines.

Frank Halsell at Oakland.

Winner of the Emeryville Winter League championship last year, the TAL Red Sox team is moving into faster company, Halsell said.

Stars include submarine pitcher F. L. Reed, who struck out 15 in a recent start, and Harry Washington, sensational second baseman.

This year, the TAL Red Sox team has won 30 straight games and is running out of opponents, according to Halsell.

## AVIATION WORLD MOURNS McCOY

Transocean Air Lines and the aviation world have lost a beloved and outstanding pioneer with the passing of J. W. McCoy, 55.

Mr. McCoy died suddenly Sept. 3 in Karachi, following a heart attact suffered while on a special assignment for Sam Wilson, TAL's Vice President-Operations. Mr. McCoy's body was flown home for interment in Salt Lake City.

He joined the staff of Transocean Air Lines as a flight engineer when the company was formed in 1946, after 20 years of service with United Air Lines. Later he was promoted to Chief of Flight Engineers for Transocean and then to General Manager of Pacific Island Bases. In 1949 he was promoted to special assignments for President Orvis M. Nelson and Vice President Wilson and in that capacity traveled extensively in South America, Central America, Europe and the Middle East.

Mr. McCoy is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret McCoy of 430 Dolores Avenue, San Leandro, California, two sons, James McCoy, Fort Worth and Keith McCoy, now serving with the U.S. Air Force, and a daughter Mrs. Beverly Minuth of San Jose.

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## ACADEMY EXPANDS

Taloa Academy of Aeronautics has purchased the assets and name of Moreau Flying Service, at Oakland Airport, one of the oldest commercial flying services on the West Coast, Herbert Webb, Director of the Academy, announced recently.

The Moreau Flying Service has been in business for nearly 20 years and has played an important part in the training of civil and military pilots, as a contractor to the United States Government.

West Moreau, founder of the company is retiring from aviation to enter another line of business, according to the announcement.

Director Webb described the purchase of Moreau Flying Service as a step in the expansion of the Taloa Academy, already one of the largest flying schools in America and which recently was awarded a contract to train 60 office for the air force now being formed for the defense of the new Republic of Indonesia.

Taloa Academy of Aeronautics is a division of Transocean Air Lines.

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## BRIDGE COMPLETED

Transocean Engineering Company, subsidiary of Transocean Air Lines recently completed a $73,500 California State Highway Commission contract to construct

## WAKE ISLAND EXPANSION

To handle the Korea airlift traffic, accommodations at Transocean Air Lines hotel on Wake Island have been increased to 300 rooms, and the TAL staff at the crossroads of the Pacific to 100 persons.

Transocean Air Lines is handling all Military Air Transport Service flights passing through Wake in addition to its own trips and those of other commercial carriers.

a reinforced concrete bridge across Butte Creek, on Highway 45 at the Butte-Glen County line, according to an announcement by Rolf Tingsdale, executive vice president of the engineering company.

The contract gave the company its second state bridge job.

Transocean Engineering Company was formed by the airline to engage in general construction work with emphasis on airports and the installation of air navigation and lighting systems.

## TAL AWARDED ARCTIC CONTRACT

A United States Navy contract for an estimated one million miles of exploratory bush and linehaul flying in the Arctic Circle has been awarded to Transocean Air Lines, it was announced recently by Orvis M. Nelson, president of the contract carrier.

Calling for a fleet of ski-equipped planes ranging from the small liaison type to four engine Douglas Skymasters, the flying will be in connection with the exploration of the Navy's Petroleum Reserve No. 4, according to the contract. Amphibian planes also will be required.

Navy Department budget estimates for the bush and airlift operations range to $970,000.

At the request of the Navy department, the Civil Aeronautics Board has granted exemption to Transocean Air Lines for military deviations from air carrier practices which may be encountered in the performance of the contract, Nelson said.

The contract is for a year period, from July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951 and was awarded as the result of bid competition on which a number of airlines participated.

Transocean Air Lines will base at Fairbanks, where operations will be under the direction of the Navy's Chief

## INDONESIA PICKS TALOA ACADEMY

Taloa Academy of Aeronautics has been awarded a contract to train an initial group of 60 Indonesian youth, Herbert A. Webb, Director of the Academy, one of the largest flying schools in the United States, announced recently.

The training, to parallel that of the United States Air Force, will require 46 weeks and will provide instruction in both single-engine and multi-engine aircraft and will include the latest American military air maneuvers.

Climaxing an international bid competition in which leading flying schools of United States and Europe made proposals, the bid was awarded to Taloa Academy by Hamenghu Buwono, Indonesian Minister of Defense, Webb said. John Wright, Indonesia representative for Transocean Air Lines, of which Taloa Academy is a division, and Allan A. Barrie, General Manager of Transocean's Atlantic Division, represented the academy in the final negotiations and at the signing of the contract.

The 60 students will be flown to Oakland Airport in a Transocean Air Lines plane departing from Jakarta, Indonesia, and following a briefing at the Academy will be flown on to Minter Field, near Bakersfield, where the

Supply officer. It is expected that much of the exploratory flying will be in the vicinity of Point Barrow, America's furthest north settlement.

The work of preparing the fleet of aircraft for operation in extreme low temperatures of the Arctic is now underway at Transocean Air Lines' Oakland base, Nelson said. Included in fleet of planes will be a number of craft specially fitted for bush flying in rugged country.

flight training will be given, Webb declared.

"The Indonesian Republic has a population of in excess of 75,000,000 and the students selected for the flight training represent the highest type of young men in Indonesia," he said.

"They have been selected by competitive examinations held in each of the residences, or states of the new republic. Upon graduation from the flight training they will return home to become leaders in the Indonesian Air Force.

## NEW HONOR-NELSON

Orvis M. Nelson, founder, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Transocean Air Lines has had a new title added to his collection of aviation honors.

The "flyingest" airline prexy by thousands of miles and the only top executive of a major airline to hold currently effective transport pilot ratings, he is now recognized as the number one aerial globetrotter. The new title results from his frequent, and almost continuous flights to the far corners of the world in behalf of TAL. As this edition of Taloa News Magazine goes to press, President Nelson has just returned to his Oakland Offices from an air and ground survey of European business conditions. Stepped up cablese talks with leaders in another part of the world indicate TAL's head man will be on the wing again shortly.

## CHAIN, NEIL NOW TAL SALESMEN

Two well known figures in the air transportation field have been added to the sales staff of Transocean Air Lines.

Serving directly under Douglass F. Johnson, Vice President-Sales, the new members of the sales force are:

## WORD APPOINTED ARCTIC MANAGER

William Leonard Word, veteran military and civilian air transport pilot has been appointed General Manager and Director of Operations of Transocean Air Lines' Arctic Circle exploratory flying for the United States Navy.

Word, who has been with Transocean Air Lines since the company was formed in 1946, is a native of Springfield, Missouri. He served as a director of pilot training for the Air Force during the early part of World War II, and later as an operations officer in the Pacific airlift.

With Transocean Air Lines, he has flown in all parts of the world and has had extensive experience in the Alaskan theater in connection with a company contract with the Navy to supply air transportation between Seattle and Aleutian posts. He served as Chief Test Pilot in 1948 and 1949 when Aircraft Engineering & Maintenance Company, Transocean subsidiary performed overhaul work on Berlin airlift planes.

Word resides with his wife, Alice and two daughters at 985 Martin Boulevard, San Leandro, California.

## WANTED - NEWS, PHOTOS OR TAL ACTIVITIES

Wanted for publication in Taloa News Magazine and for release to other media - news items and photos of Transocean

Jere V. Chain, native of Eureka, California and alumnus of the University of California and Boeing School of Aeronautics, whose 19-year air transportation log includes operations and sales positions with United Air Lines, American-Overseas Airlines and All-American Airways.

Leslie A. Neil, of Chicago, whose 15 years in air transportation includes extensive service with United Air Lines in Chicago, San Francisco and Seattle.

Air Lines activities around the globe.

This call is directed to Wake Island, Rome, Guam, Honolulu, Shannon, Gander, New York, Bradley Field, Caracas, Panama, Bermuda, Geneva and all the other TAL stations and bases.

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