

## **'AIRLINES TO EXTEND COACH CLASS ROUTES**

NICE, France, Nov. 27 (AP)—Major airlines have agreed to air coach rates that will allow travelers to circle the globe at new low prices in 1954, the International Air Transport Association announced today.

Dennis H. Handover, president of the association conference here, said that as a result of the cuts half the 2,500 planes that compose the fleet of the sixty-seven companies in the organization eventually will be transformed into tourist class planes.

He said the seating capacity of the planes will be increased from 20 to 25 per cent, and baggage allowance reduced, so that "these companies will have 5,000,000 additional seats available in 1953, compared to this year."

He gave no comparative figures but said the coach rates would be 20 to 25 per cent less than present first class fares.

The conference agreed that, effective April 1, 1953, tourist rates will be widened in Europe and extended to such points as Beirut, Cairo, Damascus, Istanbul, Haifa, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Nicosia, Cyprus.

As of October, 1953, tourist rates will be established on flights to Iran and other points in the Persian Gulf area, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, and between Europe and South Africa, and on April 1, 1954, tourist service will be extended to the Far East.

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