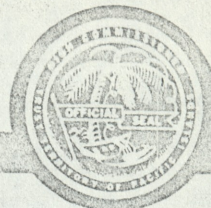


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JETS TO LINK HONOLULU AND DISTRICTS

The Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) has granted Continental Airlines an exemption, in effect a temporary certificate, to operate jet service between Honolulu and the districts of the Trust Territory. Deputy High Commissioner Martin P. Mangan was notified of the ruling by telephone from Washington, D.C., on March 6.

Permanent route rights in this region will be awarded by the CAB at the conclusion of the Pacific Islands Local Service Investigation. High Commissioner W. R. Norwood had requested that the CAB grant temporary exemptions to Continental Airlines to operate jet service from Honolulu to the Marshalls, as well as from Saipan to an Asiatic mainline connection at Okinawa, one of the Ryukyu Islands in the North Pacific.

The CAB withheld a final decision on the request for Continental to fly between Saipan and Okinawa. Because the Ryukyu Islands, including Okinawa, are administered by a High Commissioner with powers of government issuing from a Presidential Executive Order, the CAB felt disposed to secure the opinions of the government there before taking action on Continental's request.

"The effect of the action by the CAB is that at least we are assured there is now authority for Air Micronesia to provide direct service from the districts of the Trust Territory into Honolulu at

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