



TRAVEL TALK

by Norman Cloke

Since I am writing this at the end of April and the Newsletter is unlikely to be on your desks before the first week of June, I'm afraid it is not possible for me to predict what special offers from our airline friends will be available in the market for travel this summer. At the time of writing, Cyprus Airways offer the best value fares to/from London, flying from the Kingdom twice weekly with direct connections in Larnaca on both flights (from 19th July), and direct connections on both return flights from London throughout the summer timetable. For further details, contact Attar Travel - GSA for Cyprus Airways.

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A View from the ramp

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apart from the age factor of the airplane, interest is growing in the centre wing fuel tank. The US military have for years, filled empty fuel tanks with nitrogen before flight. If as is now thought, the centre wing tank exploded from a spark igniting fuel vapour, the American Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and CAA may consider imposing similar conditions on civil airliners.

Investigation of the Saudi Arabian Airline accident initially focused on Delhi Airport's apparent lack of modern ATC equipment. But the causes of both of these accidents are thought to be more complex and could have more far reaching, and costly,

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results for the Airline and Airport industries which would, undoubtedly, lead to an increase in fares.

With strengthening markets, full order books both for aircraft and GSE, and new projects for civil and military aircraft coming on stream, the year ahead looks bright. Yet the need for further consolidation of the industry could see the demise of more famous names and the need for ever greater vigilance in air safety could add to operational costs which will effect both passengers and the bottom line for Airline profits - watch this airspace
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