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SWISSAIR ORDERS CONVAIR CORONADO JETS

Swissair has changed its previous order for five Convair 880s to seven Convair 600 Coronado jetliners. The Coronados are scheduled for delivery in the spring of 1961. Under the agreement with Scandinavian Airlines System, Swissair will lease two Coronados to SAS for four years. A thorough study by both companies has shown that the Coronado, which is the improved version of the Convair 880, is better suited to their route requirements. Swissair will operate the aircraft on its routes to the Middle and Far East and to South America from the summer of 1961.

The Coronado will be equipped with four turbofan pure jet engines with maximum take-off thrust of 16,100 lbs (7,300 kilos) each. Its cruising speed at 30,000 feet (10,000 metres) will be 635 miles per hour (1,020 km/h). Maximum cruising speed is 0.91 Mach, making it the fastest civil airliner in the world. The Coronado will have a non-stop range of nearly 4,000 miles and in mixed configuration will seat 28 passengers in first or de luxe class and 59 in tourist class.

It is distinguished from other commercial jets by "speed capsules" — two on the upper side of each wing — which project behind the wing trailing edge. They improve the plane's speed by reducing drag, which also results in lower specific fuel consumption.

The engines are fitted with thrust reversers to increase braking effect. Other data on the Coronado are as follows: Wing span 120 feet (36.6 metres), length 139.6 feet (42.5 metres), maximum payload 27,400 lbs (12,430 kilos) and maximum take-off weight 239,200 lbs (108,500 kilos).

The aircraft has been named after the Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, who discovered a large part of the present Southern United States.

PERSONAL.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mr. W. Meier, of 53, Priory Road, Hampstead, N.W.6, on his appointment as a Director of Messrs. A. Strauss & Co. Ltd., Metal Merchants of London. Mr. Meier has been Manager of this concern for a number of years, and a former President of the Swiss Mercantile Society.

It is with great pleasure that we inform our readers, that Monsieur W. de Bourg, of "Les trois Peupliers", Chemin de Grande Rive, Lausanne, formerly Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to the Republic of Eire, and previously for many years Counsellor at the then Swiss Legation in London, has been made an honorary citizen of the commune of Montana s. Sierre (Ct. Valais) "en reconnaissance de son dévouement et attachement au Pays".

OUR NEXT ISSUE.

Our next issue will be published on Friday, November 13th 1959. We take this opportunity of thanking the following subscribers for their kind and helpful donations over and above their subscription: Charles Illi, E. C. Ribí, H. Mock, Anonymous, Ambassador P. H. Aubaret, (Djakarta, Indonesia).