

CRITICISM OF BOAC FLEET: needs of Post-War air lines

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- 10/07/42 BOAC fleet deficient in quantity and quality. This state of affairs will lead to a bad start for Post War development of trade routes. PAA encircling the Globe and look like taking all the trade routes after the War unless we "wake up". Civil aircraft, not converted military aircraft are needed. Daily Telegraph. Letter from Mrs Tate
- 24/07/42 Col. Llewelin, Min A P (Aircraft Production) said no large transport planes were in production in this country. Better to order from USA where such aircraft being built in quantity. Garro Jones asked Sec of State for Air whether aware that lack of civil aircraft hampered C.A (civil aviation?) from playing its true part in War effort. Aeroplane
- 25/09/42 Orders placed in G. B. For air transports and production has been arranged. USA has the following civil aircraft in production, C46, DC4 and DC3. Aeroplane
- 11/12/42
Position of post war air routes. Services will be needed all over the World and who is to run these? BOAC fleet in sad condition, need for less variety of aircraft and more and better aircraft of one or two types. Aeroplane
- 18/12/42
Re civil aviation place in post war scarmble for control of trade routes. Discussions in H of Commons Daily Telegraph. IC52178
- 25/12/42 The future of air transport. Report on debate in H of C re civil aviation and its future. We may win the Aeroplane, Flight
- 31/12/42 War but lose the peace if we don't concentrate on civil aviations needs now!
- 02/02/43
Quotations from British Press re criticism of BOAC fleet and how PAA are taking our trade routes. Daily Digest from Zeesen to UK
- 26/01/43 Unofficial committee of investigation into whole field of civil aviation 9/42. Flight
- 29/01/43
Criticism of British slackness in not preparing for post war civil flying. Writer thinks that PAA is preparing to operate the major trade routes of the world, query, why doesn't Britain prepare too? Letter on same subject from Gordon England who quotes Farey-Jones charter for civil aviation. Aeroplane
- 11/02/43 Discussion re striving for air routes supremacy by UK and USA for after the war. Speaker thinks they haven't taken into account the USSR. In English for UK

13/02/43	Lord Sherwood statements on civil aviation. Fears expressed that UK will be unable to compete with USA.	In German fr: Germany
06/02/43	Large flying boats planned for post war needs.	Modern Transport
30/01/43	Need for statement re future of British civil aviation. An unofficial committee to investigate this. Set up	Modern Transport
22/1/43	under chairmanship of Capt A P Lamplough, members of committee are given.	Aeroplane
19/02/43	Re post war policy and need for one. Need for competition with BOAC. Debate in H of Commons.	Aeroplane
05/03/43	Re shipping firm's plans for post war airlines to run in conjunction with shipping routes. Awaiting lead from Government.	
13/02/43	Question in H of Commons re post war aviation in relation to USA. No secret arrangements, discussions between UK and USA would start soon. Questions of shipping companies and air services under discussion.	Modern Transport
03/03/43	J C Geddes on the relation between air and sea services after the war; eventually air transport would replace some sea transport.	Press Summary 181 re Times 26/2/43
06/03/43	Geddes reckons that British Government policy should endeavour to secure international agreement on some basis on which the earnings of air transport should approximately cover costs	Modern Transport