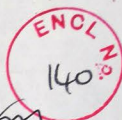


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BOYCOTT OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT: MY TELNO 143 OF 3 MAY

1. C O R P A C UNION MEMBERS HAVE RATIFIED A DECISION OF THEIR COUNCIL TO BOYCOTT B. CALEDONIAN FLIGHTS. C O R P A C, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATING AIRPORT HAS WRITTEN TO B. CALEDONIAN TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE PROBLEM AND PLACE RESPONSIBILITY ON B. CALEDONIAN WHETHER TO OPERATE AIRCRAFT. B. CALEDONIAN HAS CANCELLED THREE FLIGHTS SO FAR. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DA HEAD OF C O R P A C STATED AIRCRAFT WOULD BE ALLOWED IN BUT COULD NOT EXPECT TO LEAVE AS NO GROUND CONTROL OR HANDLING FACILITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE. HE ALSO ATTEMPTED TO DENY HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE OPERATIONS. DURING SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HEAD OF THE AVIATION DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS THE DA WAS ASSURED THAT THE ACTION OF THE UNIONS DID NOT REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WHO APPRECIATED GREATLY THAT B. CALEDONIAN HAD CANCELLED FLIGHTS RATHER THAN RISK CONFRONTATION BUT WISHED FOR NORMAL SERVICES TO RESUME. IT IS CLEAR THAT ONLY WHEN THE B. CALEDONIAN AIRCRAFT HAS TO BE OPERATED BY C O R P A C WILL THEY BE PUT IN THE POSITION OF HAVING TO TAKE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.
2. REQUEST YOU RECOMMEND TO B. CALEDONIAN HEAD OFFICE THAT THEIR SERVICE SHOULD BE RESUMED THIS SATURDAY. THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH LOCAL MANAGER OF B. CALEDONIAN WHO AGREES.
3. THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH LOCAL AREA REPRESENTATIVE OF I C A O. HE IS APPROACHING C O R P A C UNOFFICIALLY TO SETTLE MATTER BUT CANNOT ACT WITHOUT ORDERS FROM MONTREAL. IT IS HOPED THAT IT WILL BE UNNECESSARY TO MAKE REPRESENTATION OFFICIALLY THROUGH UK REPRESENTATIVE TO I C A O.

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