

authority were transferred to the China Civil Aviation Administration.

2. *The Sino-Burmese Air Transport Agreement of 1955.*

Negotiations relating to the establishment of civil air transport service between Communist China and the Union of Burma were held in Rangoon in 1955. As a result, the "Air Transport Agreement Between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Union of Burma" was signed on November 8 of the same year by Wu Fa-hsien, head of the Communist Chinese Delegation and U Win Maung, Burmese Minister for Transportation and Communications.

On the basis of this agreement, scheduled civil air transport services were inaugurated on April 11, 1956.

These events were hailed in Communist China as an outcome of the adoption by the parties concerned of the "Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence" and as a concrete evidence of their mutual trust, assistance and cooperation.

3. *The Sino-Vietnamese Air Transport Agreement of 1956.*

On April 5, 1956, the "Air Transport Agreement Between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam" was signed in Peking by Kuang Jen-nung, head of the Communist Chinese Delegation and Dang Tinh, head of the Vietnamese Delegation.

Scheduled flights were inaugurated on April 22, 1956 on the 852-kilometer Canton-Nanning-Hanoi route.

AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF BURMA

(Signed and entered into force on Nov. 8, 1955)

The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Union of Burma, desiring to establish scheduled civil aviation services between their countries in order to promote their economic and cultural relations, have agreed upon the following:

*Article I.* (A) Each Contracting Party, pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, agrees to grant the right to the designated air transport enterprise of the other Contracting Party to carry on flights, by its aircraft for civil transport purposes, on the following air route:

Course for aircraft of the People's Republic of China:

Kunming-Mandalay-Rangoon

Course for aircraft of the Union of Burma:

Rangoon-Mandalay-Kunming-Canton.

For civil aircraft of the People's Republic of China, the above-mentioned right to conduct transport flights shall mean the transporting of passengers, baggage, goods and mail (1) from Kunming to Mandalay and Rangoon, (2) from Rangoon and Mandalay to Kunming; for civil aircraft of the Union of Burma, the above-mentioned right to conduct civil transport flights shall mean the transporting of passengers, baggage, goods and mail (1) from Rangoon and Mandalay to Kunming and Canton, (2) from Canton and Kunming to Mandalay and Rangoon.