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JET PLANES FOR PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

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EVALUATION COMMENT: This is interesting although UNCONFIRMED news. At any rate, the source could have heard it from competent quarters.

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Six airline pilots are expected to return from Russia to Poland in June 1956. In Russia, they underwent training in jet planes, and they are to be employed at the OKECIE airfield, training more LOT pilots in the flying of jet planes.

During the year 1957, jet planes are to be gradually introduced into Polish civilian aviation, to fly the regular lines. They are to be Russian IL-planes and to fly the routes to PARIS, MOSCOW and India. The India line does not exist as yet but it is incorporated in the plans. Negotiations are under way, and the line will probably be opened this year. It will go via Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey, BEIRUT and the Arab countries, first to India and later probably even to Indonesia. The purpose of the line is said to be to reinforce the ties not only between Poland, but also between the other captive countries and the Asiatic states.

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