

A First in Air Commuting

Golden West Airlines, Van Nuys, will be the first commuter airline to utilize 12-passenger Hansa Jets in scheduled service in the United States.

William T. Dawson, chairman of the board of Golden West, and Edward J. Chandler, vice president and general manager of the Hansa Jet Corporation, today announced that Golden West will inaugurate jet service in early December on routes in Southern California.

Only one other commuter airline in the country has used pure jet aircraft in scheduled service.

Initially, the airline intends to use the 500 m.p.h. Hansa Jet Commuter between Santa Barbara, Hollywood-Burbank and Palm Springs, with frequent daily scheduled flights.

"This is the first pure jet available to commuter airlines that can actually be operated profitably on relatively short route segments," said Dawson. "The Hansa Jet enables us to offer the speed and comfort that today's air travelers have rightfully come to expect."

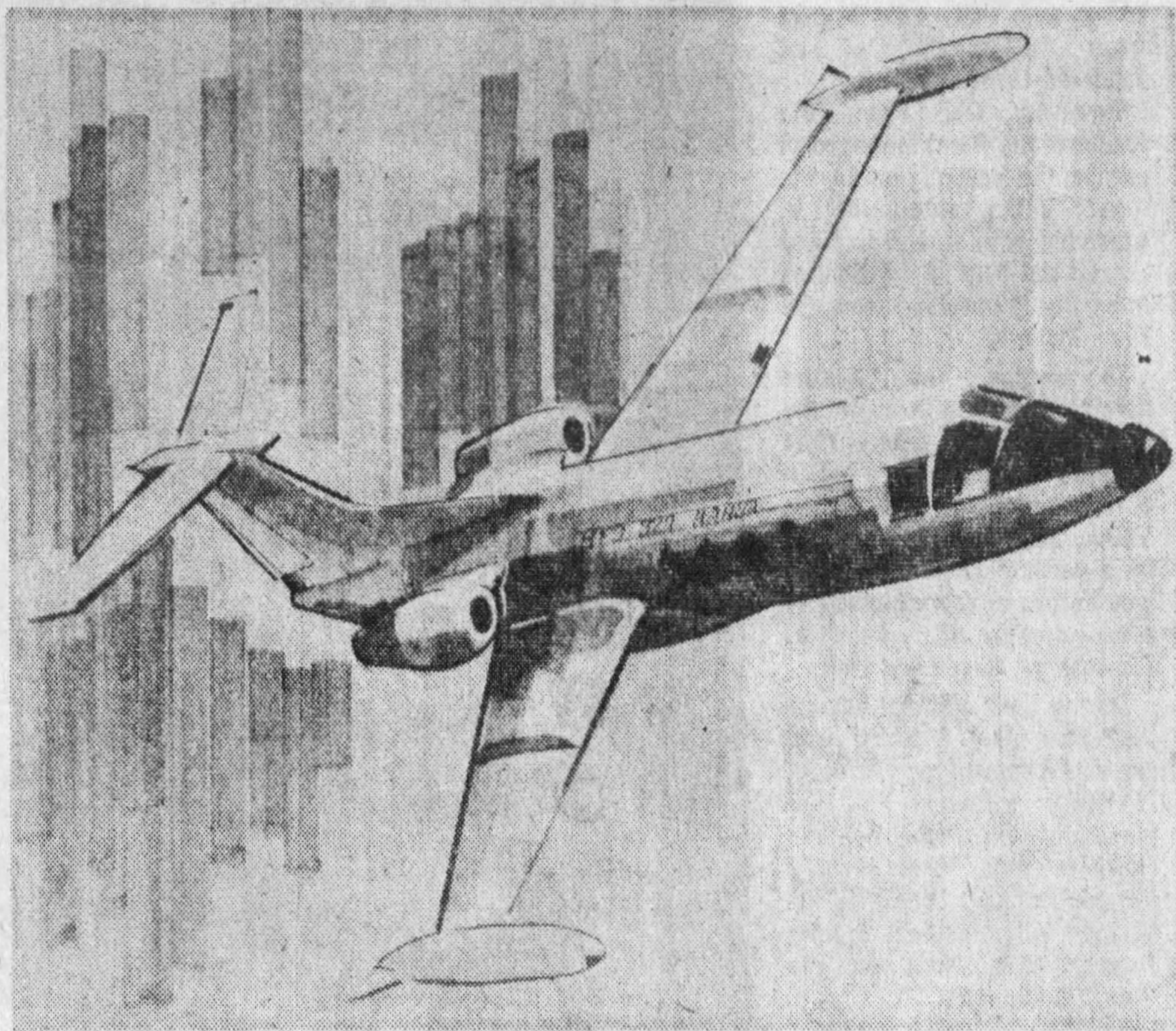
Commenting on the need for jet service in the rapidly expanding commuter airline business, Chandler said, "We feel that Golden West is providing the commuter airline industry with outstanding leadership by stepping up to pure jet service to augment the convenient, high quality service they have developed with their propeller driven aircraft."

The Hansa Jet Commuter, powered by two General Electric jet engines, features a unique angled seating arrangement which allows passengers to ride in executive jet comfort.

The cabin features stand-up walk around head space and is fully air-conditioned and pressurized.

Considered to be one of the most rugged and reliable aircraft ever built, the Hansa Jet is designed with a unique forward-swept wing for optimum high speed aerodynamic characteristics and superb slow speed stability.

Golden West has already taken delivery on its Hansa Jet, which is being painted in the new colors the airline will display when it inaugurates jet service in early December.



NEWEST — Golden West Airlines' 12-passenger Hansa jet will be used for commuter service in Southern California beginning in early Dec.