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# 'Tropical Birds' Land In Detroit

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DETROIT

"Rare tropical birds" — just a phrase the Jamaicans use to describe their young women, yet it sounds good. Probably it was coined to impress travel minded Americans, but it says a lot about the island democracy making a strong bid through the new

Air Jamaica for more tourists.

The latest ripple in the Caribbean winds is the official announcement in Detroit this week of daily jet flights by Air Jamaica from Metro airport to Nassau and on to Jamaica.

These first non-stop flights to the Caribbean from Detroit will begin Dec. 1. And the birds will be on board the tangerine, lemon and magenta striped Super DC-9s to serve a Jamaican feast for the eyes as well as the palate plus a complimentary rum-lime concoction named a Rum Bamboozle by the new airline.

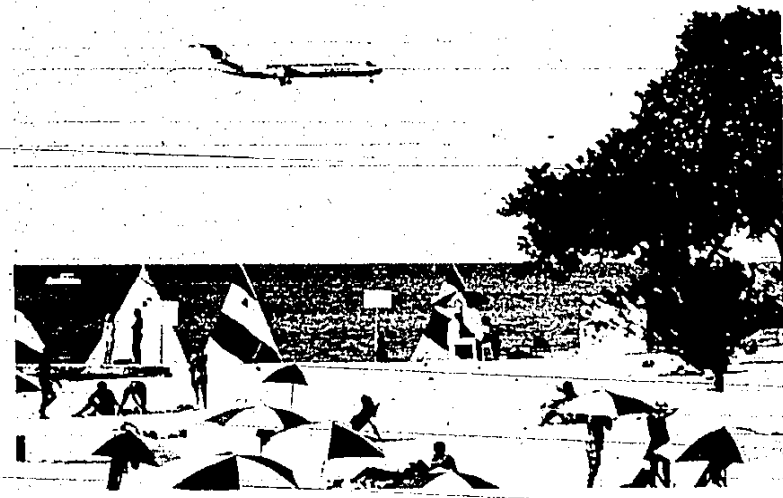
Actually Air Jamaica is four years old; 60 per cent is owned by the Jamaican government, the rest by Air Canada, which provides maintenance, technical assistance and flight crew training.

But we were speaking of those rare tropical birds, some of whom flew into Detroit this week. They come in a variety of earth colors, ranging from off white to creamy brown. They smile a lot, and their eyes flash friendly messages. Maybe our kids would, too, if they had started life in a playpen of endless beaches on a tropical isle.

In any case, the birds sound as good as they look, speaking British English in honey dipped tones that have to rank as one of nature's best remedies for that 20th century malaise — uptightness.

Stewardesses will also double as models on the flights. Under the watchful eye of Sonya Hamilton, manager of flight services development (which, translated, means head of in-flight services), the girls gave a sample of the show by Jamaican designers which will be a part of each flight. If the response at the preview was any indication, the male passengers won't sleep

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on the plane. Those birds really know how to display their plumage.

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Jamaica, third largest of the Caribbean islands, with a two million population mixture of Negroes, Caucasians, Chinese, Indians, Portuguese, Jews, Palestinian Arabs and Syrians, is 146 miles long and 51 miles wide.

The lures range from mountain scenery, castle ruins, old Spanish and Eng-

lish architecture, deep sea night life and a conglomerate fishing and miles of beaches culture which the people like studded with new hotels, to to call "pure Jamaican."

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Rich, very impressed with the band, said they had a "good sound."

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