

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/

Form 8-K

March 19, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

March 18, 2003

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 1-10323 | 74-2099724 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| 1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas | 77002 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

(713) 324-2950

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events.

On March 18, 2003, we issued a press release announcing the retirement of C.D. McLean, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. The press release also announces that Larry Kellner, President of the company, has assumed Mr. McLean's responsibilities. The press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

a. Exhibits

1. Press Release

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Continental Airlines, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

March 18, 2003

By /s/ Jennifer L. Vogel

Jennifer L. Vogel

Vice President and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release