

COURTESY AID SERVICE

A school for air hostesses is America's latest move to increase comfort of air travellers. In an intensive course at Minneapolis, students are taught, what might be termed, the groundwork of their duties.

Poise and sense of balance are acquired through rhythmic exercise, for nothing is more disconcerting to the passenger than a lurching air hostess who tumbles in one's lap. Great stress is also placed upon the academic background of the applicants. Without a University degree in mathematics few students can hope to graduate with honours. Once through the course, however, the hostesses are primed to cope with any situation. Even the handling of airborne tapers is carried out with tact and charm. A soothing word - a hint that two might make a party after landing and perfect calm is soon restored. The very important passenger receives the maximum in airline hospitality....the works....in fact! Winded and dined by the hostess ground crew, he is conducted safely home. Applied psychology extends the pleasant memories of his journey into the next day. Credit for this remarkable advance in care and feeding of the airborne adult is shared between the hostesses and the refreshment staffs - experts in liquid nourishment.