

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):  
September 30, 1996

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	0-09781 (Commission File Number)	74-2099724 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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2929 Allen Parkway, Suite 2010, Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	77019 (Zip Code)
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(713) 834-2950  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events.

On October 1, 1996, Continental Airlines, Inc. (the "Company") announced that Gordon M. Bethune had been elected as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, that Gregory D. Brenneman had been elected as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, and that David Bonderman had resigned as Chairman of the Board of the Company. Mr. Bonderman remains Chairman of the Executive Committee and a member of the Board of Directors.

SIGNATURE

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.

By /s/ Jeffery A. Smisek  
Jeffery A. Smisek  
Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel

October 2, 1996