

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 earliest event
reported: April 21, 1999

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-8400

75-1825172

(State of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

4333 Amon Carter Blvd. Fort Worth, Texas 76155

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(817) 963-1234

(Registrant's telephone number)

Item 5. Other Events

American Airlines, Inc. (American) is filing herewith a press release issued April 21, 1999 by its parent company, AMR Corporation (AMR) as Exhibit 99.1 which is included herein. This press release was issued to report first quarter 1999 earnings and to announce the acceleration of the retirement of nine DC-10 widebody aircraft and 16 Boeing 727 narrowbody aircraft.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The following exhibits are included herein:

99.1 Press Release

SIGNATURE

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

AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.

/s/ Charles D. MarLett

Charles D. MarLett
Corporate Secretary

Dated: April 23, 1999

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT -----	DESCRIPTION -----
99.1	Press Release

Contact: Corporate Communications
Fort Worth, Texas
817-967-1577

FOR RELEASE: Wednesday, April 21, 1999

AMR REPORTS FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS OF
\$56 MILLION BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS;
BOARD ALSO APPROVES FLEET CHANGES

FORT WORTH, Texas - AMR Corp., parent of American Airlines Inc., today reported first-quarter net earnings of \$56 million, or \$0.34 per common share diluted, before gains on the sales of certain assets. This was an 81 percent decrease compared with net earnings of \$290 million, or \$1.62 per common share diluted and adjusted for AMR's 1998 stock split, during the same period in 1998. Including the gains, AMR earned \$158 million, or \$0.96 per common share diluted.

"We are obviously disappointed that the illegal job action undertaken by the Allied Pilots Association leadership so dramatically impacted our first quarter financial results," said Donald J. Carty, AMR's Chairman and CEO. "At the same time, the American Airlines team, including the thousands of pilots who reported to work during the job action, demonstrated their commitment and professionalism by serving our customers admirably during adverse circumstances."

AMR also announced that as it prepares for the growth associated with the delivery of more than 115 new aircraft between 1999 and 2001, American Airlines has decided to accelerate the retirement of nine DC-10 widebody aircraft and 16 Boeing 727 narrowbodies. This will eliminate American's entire DC-10 fleet by the end of 2000. The retirement of the 727 fleet will advance one year to the end of 2003, instead of 2004 as originally planned.

The new aircraft deliveries fuel the airline's continued growth plans, but the earlier retirements keep American's capacity in line with expected demand, which has slowed primarily due to weaker growth in international markets. Including the earlier retirements, American is positioned for average annual growth of approximately 3 to 3.5 percent through 2003.

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"We will continue to grow the airline and look for new market opportunities. These accelerated retirements will not affect our total capacity until 2000 and 2001; they do, however underscore our commitment to keep capacity growth in line with global economic growth," said Carty. "This decision also demonstrates the flexibility of American's fleet planning to replace older aircraft with more efficient Boeing aircraft that the company is receiving over the next several years."

Among AMR's first-quarter highlights:

- -AMR Corp. board of directors authorized management to repurchase up to an additional \$500 million of its common stock, bringing the cumulative total of AMR's repurchase programs since 1997 to \$2.6 billion.
- -American, British Airways, Canadian Airlines, Cathay Pacific and Qantas implemented the Oneworld™ alliance.
- -AA successfully booked its first reservation for the year 2000, validating the airline's extensive planning and investment for the turn of the century.
- -American Airlines dedicated the new \$120 million Terminal "B" facility at DFW, adding nine gates to its operations.
- -AA celebrated the 40th anniversary of transcontinental jet service by announcing a new \$1 billion terminal at New York Kennedy. American retraced the first flight from New York-Kennedy to Los Angeles with a new Boeing 757 painted in 1959 livery.
- -AA received its first new Boeing 777-200IGW and 737-800, each fitted with the "new-look" interiors for the American fleet. On March 2, American introduced the two new aircraft types into passenger service on the same day - an industry first.
- -AA announced it will strengthen its ties with Iberia and Finnair with their incorporation into the Oneworld alliance. AA also began codesharing with Fiji's Air Pacific, and expanded codesharing with TAM and Qantas.
- -AMR sold three non-airline subsidiaries - AMR Services, AMR Combs and TeleService Resources - to increase focus on its core airline and related technology businesses. The sales resulted in an after tax gain of \$64 million.
- -AMR sold a portion of its Equant holdings, which resulted in an after tax and minority interest gain of \$37 million.

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- -AA announced new service between Houston Hobby and Washington's Reagan National Airports, building on the success of its Houston Hobby-New York LaGuardia service.
- -AA completed the outfitting of its entire fleet with life-saving defibrillators and enhanced medical kits - an industry first.
- -American Eagle began new ERJ-145 Regional Jet (RJ) service between Dallas/Fort Worth and both Knoxville, Tenn., and Jackson, Miss. The airline announced new RJ service between Chicago O'Hare and both Pittsburgh and Greenville/Spartanburg, S.C. It also announced it will in April replace turboprops with RJs between Chicago and both Madison, Wis. and Grand Rapids, Mich.
- -American Eagle completed the acquisition of Business Express, a regional airline serving the northeastern United States.
- -Nexos, AA's exclusive new Spanish and Portuguese language in-flight magazine, debuted on all Latin American flights.

EDITORS: AMR's Chief Financial Officer, Gerard J. Arpey, will be available to answer questions during a telephone news conference today, from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., CDT.

Those interested in joining the conference should call 817-967-1577 for details.

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Other AMR Corp. news releases can be accessed via the Internet.
The address is <http://www.amrcorp.com/corpcomm.htm>

AMR CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited) (In millions, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Percent Change
	1999	1998	
REVENUES			
Airline Group			
Passenger - American Airlines	\$ 3,320	\$ 3,578	(7.2)
- AMR Eagle	271	256	5.9
Cargo	145	163	(11.0)
Other	255	232	9.9
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	3,991	4,229	(5.6)
Sabre	638	554	15.2
Other revenues	20	17	17.6
Less: Intersegment revenues	(166)	(166)	--
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Total operating revenues	4,483	4,634	(3.3)
EXPENSES			
Wages, salaries and benefits	1,665	1,559	6.8
Aircraft fuel	349	415	(15.9)
Depreciation and amortization	316	318	(0.6)
Commissions to agents	288	301	(4.3)
Maintenance, materials and repairs	257	230	11.7
Other rentals and landing fees	240	213	12.7
Food service	167	164	1.8
Aircraft rentals	160	142	12.7
Other operating expenses	883	744	18.7
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Total operating expenses	4,325	4,086	5.8
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OPERATING INCOME	158	548	(71.2)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)			
Interest income	25	34	(26.5)
Interest expense	(92)	(97)	(5.2)
Interest capitalized	33	18	83.3
Minority interest	(16)	(13)	23.1
Miscellaneous - net	65	(13)	*
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	15	(71)	*
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INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
BEFORE INCOME TAXES	173	477	(63.7)
Income tax provision	79	192	(58.9)
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INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	94	285	(67.0)
INCOME FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS			
(NET OF APPLICABLE INCOME TAXES)	--	5	--
GAIN ON SALE OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS			
(NET OF APPLICABLE INCOME TAXES)	64	--	*
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NET EARNINGS	\$ 158	\$ 290	(45.5)
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* Greater than 100 %

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AMR CORPORATION
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)
 (Unaudited) (In millions, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	1999	1998
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE		
Basic		
Before Discontinued Operations	\$ 0.59	\$ 1.65
Discontinued Operations	0.40	0.03
Net Earnings	\$ 0.99	\$ 1.68
Diluted		
Before Discontinued Operations	\$ 0.57	\$ 1.59
Discontinued Operations	0.39	0.03
Net Earnings	\$ 0.96	\$ 1.62
NUMBER OF SHARES USED IN COMPUTATION		
Basic		
	159	173
Diluted		
	164	179

AMR CORPORATION
 BUSINESS SEGMENT FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
 (Unaudited) (In millions)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Percent Change
	1999	1998	
AIRLINE GROUP			
REVENUES			
Passenger - American Airlines	\$ 3,320	\$ 3,578	(7.2)
- AMR Eagle	271	256	5.9
Cargo	145	163	(11.0)
Other	255	232	9.9
	3,991	4,229	(5.6)
EXPENSES			
Wages, salaries and benefits	1,462	1,384	5.6
Aircraft fuel	349	415	(15.9)
Commissions to agents	288	301	(4.3)
Maintenance, materials and repairs	257	229	12.2
Depreciation and amortization	253	258	(1.9)
Other rentals and landing fees	228	204	11.8
Food service	167	164	1.8
Aircraft rentals	160	142	12.7
Other operating expenses	790	705	12.1
Total operating expenses	3,954	3,802	4.0
OPERATING INCOME	37	427	(91.3)
OTHER EXPENSE	(6)	(62)	(90.3)
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	\$ 31	\$ 365	(91.5)
PRE-TAX MARGIN	0.8%	8.6%	(7.8) pts.
SABRE			
REVENUES	\$ 638	\$ 554	15.2
OPERATING EXPENSES	526	439	19.8
OPERATING INCOME	112	115	(2.6)
OTHER INCOME	37	2	*
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	\$ 149	\$ 117	27.4
PRE-TAX MARGIN	23.4%	21.1%	2.3 pts.

* Greater Than 100%

AIRLINE GROUP
OPERATING STATISTICS
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Percent Change
	1999	1998	
AMERICAN AIRLINES JET OPERATIONS:			
Revenue passenger miles (millions)	25,290	25,388	(0.4)
Available seat miles (millions)	37,703	37,707	--
Cargo ton miles (millions)	431	496	(13.1)
Passenger load factor	67.1%	67.3%	(0.2) pts.
Breakeven load factor	66.4%	58.3%	8.1 pts.
Passenger revenue yield per passenger mile (cents)	13.13	14.09	(6.8)
Passenger revenue per available seat mile (cents)	8.81	9.49	(7.2)
Cargo revenue yield per ton mile (cents)	33.18	32.55	1.9
Operating expenses per available seat mile (cents)	9.63	9.35	3.0
Fuel consumption (gallons, in millions)	687	681	0.9
Fuel price per gallon (cents)	48.9	58.9	(17.0)
Fuel price per gallon, excluding fuel taxes (cents)	44.6	53.9	(17.3)
Operating aircraft at period-end	683	639	6.9
AMR EAGLE:			
Revenue passenger miles (millions)	706	615	14.8
Available seat miles (millions)	1,211	1,071	13.1
Passenger load factor	58.3%	57.4%	0.9 pts.
Operating aircraft at period-end	256	202	26.7
AMR CORPORATION			
AVERAGE EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES			
Airline Group:			
AA Jet Operations	82,500	80,800	
Other	11,600	10,200	
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Total Airline Group	94,100	91,000	
Sabre	12,200	10,700	
Other	1,400	12,900	
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Total	107,700	114,600	
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