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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

AMR CORPORATION
(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)

AMR Corporation (the "Company") is filing herewith a press release issued April 21, 1999 by the Company 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.

AMR CORPORATION

/s/ Charles D. MarLett<br>Charles D. MarLett<br>Corporate Secretary

## Exhibit Description

99.1 Press Release

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

FOR RELEASE: Wednesday, April 21, 1999

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AMR REPORTS FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS OF
    $56 MILLION BEFORE SPECIAL ITEMS;
    BOARD ALSO APPROVES FLEET CHANGES
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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(TM) 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 YorkKennedy 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 0'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 inflight 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.

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

|  | Three Months Ended |  | Percent Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mar | 31, |  |
|  | 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 |
|  | 3,991 | 4,229 | (5.6) |
| Sabre | 638 | 554 | 15.2 |
| Other revenues | 20 | 17 | 17.6 |
| Less: Intersegment revenues | (166) | (166) | - |
| 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 |
| Total operating expenses | 4,325 | 4, 086 | 5.8 |
| 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) | * |
|  | 15 | (71) | * |
| Income From Continuing Operations |  |  |  |
| Before Income Taxes | 173 | 477 | (63.7) |
| Income tax provision | 79 | 192 | (58.9) |
| 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 | - | * |
| Net Earnings | \$ 158 | \$ 290 | (45.5) |

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|  | 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 |



* Greater Than 100\%



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