

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 10, 2002  
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):

January 10, 2002

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 0-09781                  | 74-2099724                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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 January 10, 2002, Continental Airlines, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has recorded a special charge of \$39 million (\$61 million before taxes) in the fourth quarter of 2001 associated primarily with the impairment of various owned aircraft and spare engines. 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

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/ Jennifer L. Vogel

Jennifer L. Vogel

Vice President and General Counsel

January 10, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

1. Press Release