

Ex-Bush Pilot

War Ace Will Head Air Transport Board

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Ottawa, Feb. 16—An airman with a distinguished, 30-year record spanning the era of bush flying to the jet age has become the top authority on Canada's civil aviation.

Transport Minister Hees today announced that Paul Y. Davoud has been appointed chairman of the Air Transport Board, the licensing authority for civil air transport.

In making the announcement, Mr. Hees said the government "was most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Davoud for the chairmanship of the Air Transport Board as he enjoys

Canada's aviation pioneers, the bush pilots who opened up much of this country by flying the uncharted vastness then awakening to development.

His love for flying and the adventure that went with it took the stocky, genial bush pilot into the Second World War where he developed into a hard-hitting fighter pilot and RCAF commander whose services won him the DSO, DFC and led to his being created an officer of the Order of the British Empire.

He began flying with the RCAF at the age of 17 while attending Royal Military College at Kingston. After finishing an engineering course at Queen's University in 1933, he joined the Royal Air Force and flew fighters and bombers for two years before returning to Canada.

Again a civilian, he joined Canadian Airways and flew Junkers transports into the north country. This experience led him to the post of transport manager of the Hudson's Bay Co. fur department in 1938.

He rejoined the RCAF in 1940 and won his DFC as a night fighter pilot. He later formed and led the famed 418 Night Intruder Squadron, the only unit of its kind in the RCAF, and won the DSO. Transferred to command a wing of Typhoon fighter-bombers, he won added honors for outstanding work in the invasion of Europe. At the end of hostilities he was appointed Group Captain Operations with the Second Tactical Air Force, RAF.

On his return to Canada he became assistant to the vice-president for operations of Trans-Canada Air Lines and held other executive positions with other companies before his appointment as vice-president sales and a director of Oronda Engines Ltd., builders of the Iroquois jet engine designed as the power plant of the supersonic Arrow fighter.

Paul Davoud's eye was always on the future of aviation. At the height of war he made this observation: "The coming of peace will find this world more air minded than we ever thought it would be in our lifetime."

He is moving into his new post when the board is undertaking an urgent review of the role of civil aviation air transport in the Canadian economy.



Paul Davoud
New appointment.

the confidence and respect of all branches of the aviation industry and has demonstrated great ability in this field of endeavor."

His appointment, effective March 1, fills the vacancy created by the death last year of W. J. Matthews.

Paul Davoud, although only 47, is high on the list of Can-

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