



THE JETLINER COMES OUT

Public Debut

Although it had flown several times during the late summer, the Avro C-102 Jetliner did not make its first official public appearance until October 4. The actual debut was impressive and was well handled by the Avro Company. It consisted of a fifteen or twenty minute flying program, after which the aircraft taxied back to the marquee that Avro had erected for invited guests, who were then permitted to inspect the machine at close range.

Avro had cleverly arranged a radio hookup between Malton tower and a P.A. system in the guests' area, and between Avro's own tower and the same P.A. system. Thus it was possible for the spectators to get all the chatter

that passed between Avro Canada's Chief Test Pilot Don Rogers (who was flying as co-pilot to Avro Manchester Chief Test Pilot Jimmy Orrell) and Malton Tower, and the Avro Tower.

In the Avro Tower was Radio Announcer Byng Whittaker, who asked Don Rogers questions concerning the aircraft's performance while the actual flight was in progress. The three-way hookup worked perfectly and reception was razor sharp. The arrangement added considerably to the display.

The take-off of the Jetliner seemed quite short, though this was probably because the idea seems firmly en-

trenched in everybody's mind that a jet must have a long run. In any case, it was no longer than that required for conventional machines of approximately the same size and weight. The main part of the display consisted of several low level passes (about 150 feet), including one which terminated in a climb away that would have done credit to a fighter not so long ago. In fact, Avro General Manager and Vice-President Walter Deisher said that the Jetliner actually could outclimb a Hurricane or a Spitfire.

Oddly enough, October 4 was just forty years to the day from the time that the Wright Brothers made their first flight.

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