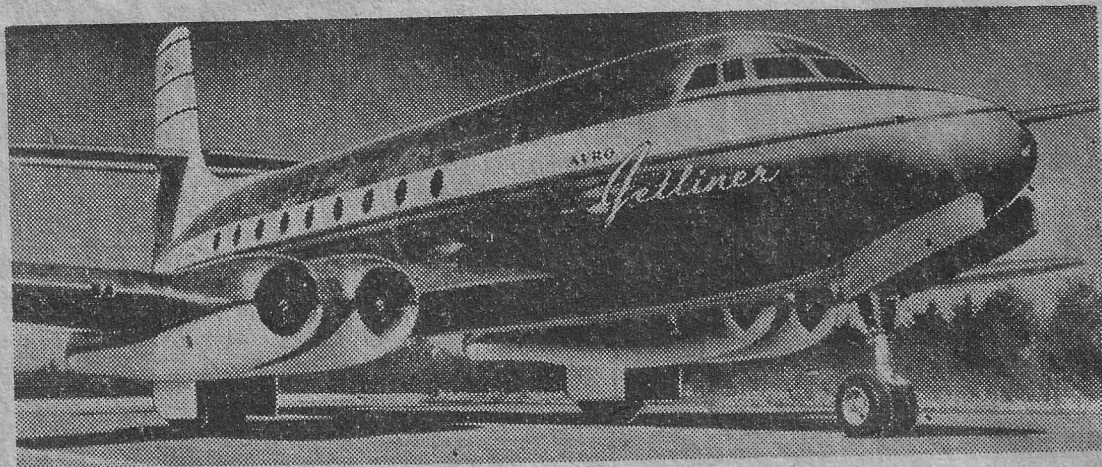


# CANUCK JETLINER TAKES AIR

## Heralds New Flying Era



Avro Jetliner: Malton saw her maiden flight today.

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Canada's standing as a world aircraft building power soared to new heights today as the Avro Jetliner screamed off the runway at Malton in its maiden flight, bringing to fruition three years of preparation, planning and hard work.

Newest contender in the world's air transport race, the Jetliner lifted from the Malton runway at 3.25 p.m.

Sixty minutes later the high-tailed, slim-bodied 50-passenger four-engine plane landed after its test flight.

"The jetliner will now enter a period of flying and shake-down tests to qualify for its certificate of airworthiness," said Walter Deisher, Avro Canada's general manager. "We do not plan to offer it to interested airlines until it has met every test and trial."

The Avro beauty (and she is a

beauty, with the cleanest lines of any transport flying) was airborne before any of the few score watchers realized she had lifted off the runway.

At the controls were Don Rogers, Toronto, chief test pilot for A. V. Roe Canada Ltd., and James Orrell, chief test pilot from A. V. Roe, Manchester, who came to Canada a few weeks ago to assist and advise

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## Malton-N.Y. In Hour Record By Jetliner In First Mail Trip

New York, April 18—(UP)—A Canadian Jetliner flew from Toronto to New York in 59 minutes and 56 seconds today, completing the first Canada-United States jet-propelled passenger transport flight in slightly more than one-half the time required by conventional air liners.

The four-engine plane, built by A. V. Roe Canada Ltd., landed at Idlewild Airport at 10:33 a.m. (EST). It took off from Malton Airport at 9:31 a.m. and was over Idlewild at 10:30 a.m.

It was officially announced that the 365 air miles distance from the Malton airport control tower in Toronto to the Idlewild tower here was covered in 59 minutes and 56 seconds.

Capt. Don Rogers, A. V. Roe test pilot, who was at the controls, said he averaged 400 miles per hour at an altitude of 20,000 feet. He had a slight tailwind.

"We have a very nice flight and the plane lived up to every expecta-

tion," Capt. Rogers said. "It behaved very well and was ship-shape from every angle."

In addition to Rogers, the plane carried Asst. Test Pilot Michael Cooper-Slipper, and Flight Engineer Bill Baker.

Passengers were Gordon McGregor, president of Trans-Canada Air Lines; James Floyd, designer of the jetliner; and Fred Smye, assistant general manager of A. V. Roe.

About 800 people crowded the airport observation desk and watched the silver plane, its gas turbo-jets whistling, make a perfect landing.

A battery of 30 newsreel and newspaper photographers photographed the glistening craft from all angles.

Capt. Rogers debarked with a smoking Indian friendship pipe in hand. The pipe had been lighted by Mayor McCallum at the start of the flight.

James J. O'Brien, aide to New York Mayor William O'Dwyer, and Kenneth A. Greene, Canadian consul-general here, posed in Indian headdresses and puffed at the pipe alternatively.

Rogers presented invitational scrolls to O'Brien and Greene on behalf of the International Trade Fair, to be held in Toronto, May 29 to June 9.

"The City of New York hails this new symbol of international friendship," said O'Brien.

Seven girls dressed in the native costumes of The Netherlands, Sweden, Scotland, India, Pakistan, Cuba and Australia greeted the crew and passengers. To each the pilot

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## Atomic Plant Hit By Strike

Oak Ridge, Tenn., April 18—(UP)—Virtually all AFL general laborers have walked off a \$277,000,000 atomic plant construction project in a dispute over wage differentials, it was revealed today.

However, the walkout has not delayed the tight work schedule "up to this point," an Atomic Energy Commission official said.

He said the walkout began Friday when about one-fourth of the laborers quit. It gained momentum yesterday, and by today 565 men were out.

The workers are members of Local 818 of the Laborers and Hod-carriers Union (AFL). The union is affiliated with the Knoxville Building Trades Council, central figure in a jurisdictional dispute which last December idled 2,700 AFL workers on atomic installations here.