

**AVRO AIRCRAFT SAUCER:** This drawing was recently released by USAF with comment that it was an "artist's conception of a vertical rising, disc-shaped aircraft which could result from a project under development for the USAF by Avro Aircraft Ltd." First design studies of so-called "Project Y" were sponsored by Canadian Government, which later withdrew support for financial reasons.

believed the new alphabet was no improvement, if not distinctly inferior to the old one, and several countries decided not to enforce its use. Because of the complaints, ICAO decided in 1952 to re-examine the question and its member governments were invited to collaborate in further studies and actual tests which would be as objective as possible. Projects to this end were established by the U.S. and the

U.K., aided in a later stage by Canada.

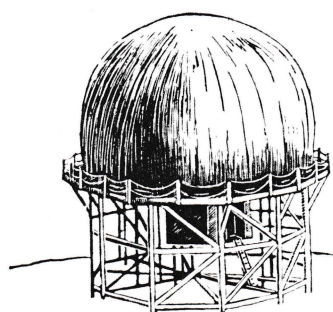
Reporting on the results of these tests, ICAO says: "The conclusions of this extensive investigation did not bear out the objections raised against the ICAO alphabet, but confirmed strikingly the basic soundness of the original work. The new alphabet had been criticized because of its unusual words, number of syllables, and lack

of rhythm, but the tests showed that this alphabet was definitely better than the Able-Baker-Charlie alphabet, no matter what the language of the speaker or listener might be.

"A remarkable thing about the independent trials in the U.K., U.S. and Canada was that the same five words were found to be causing confusion and that the following changes . . . would produce the best results: Charlie for Coca, Mike for Metro, November for Nectar, Uniform for Union, and X-Ray for Extra. With these changes the tests and trials proved conclusively that the number of mistakes likely to occur under difficult conditions would be much fewer than with either the original ICAO alphabet or . . . Able-Baker-Charlie . . ."

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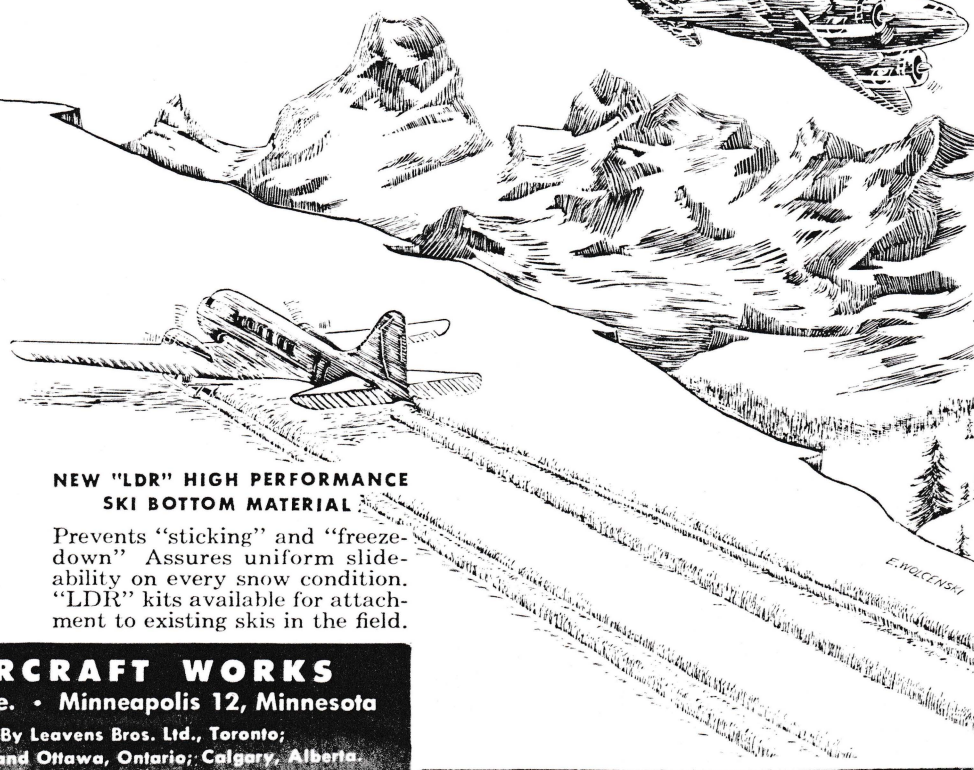


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