

BOAC Buys CPA Comet

CPA has sold its second Comet 1A to BOAC. The Canadian firm feels that it is not feasible to try to operate its proposed trans-Pacific jet service with one machine. The air line at present holds an option on four Comet 2's which is due to expire in October. Future plans are still being considered by company directors, CPA advises, and no decision has yet been made on whether or not the option will be taken up.

The Far North

A Spartan Air Services Canso, "The Arctic Queen", recently made the world's northernmost water landing ever performed by a civil aircraft. The Arctic Queen, captained by Weldy Phipps, was engaged in transporting an exploration expedition to the ice fields of Axel Heilberg Island in the Arctic.

The landing was made about 700 miles south of the North Pole in a fresh water lake which was unfrozen, though it was set in the middle of an area of ice fields and ice-capped mountains. Salt water in nearby bays, and

lakes in the territory as far as 300 miles south, were frozen solid. The crew were unable to explain this phenomenon.

Besides Captain Phipps, the other crew members were: Jim Murray, radio operator; Norman Hineson, engineer; Frank Pynn, first officer; Jock Buchanan, navigator.

New Record

The world's speed record has been broken once again in a North American F-86D Sabre, which averaged 715.697 mph over a three kilometre course at Salton Sea, California. Carrying a full operational load, the aircraft was flown by Lieutenant Colonel William F. Barns. Colonel Barns made four passes over the course, the fastest of these being 721.351 mph.

Sensitive Ears

The RCAF has been requested not to land its Comets at airfields in the New York metropolitan area, on the grounds that they make too much noise at a time when the National Air Transport Co-ordinating Committee is concentrating on a noise abatement program.

The NATCC is an organization formed by the U.S. air lines serving New York City, its chief objective being to cut down the noise made by airliners flying into and out of New York airports. With this in mind, the NATCC is emphatic that its request to the RCAF was for reasons of noise abatement only. Safety problems or the fact that the Comet is a foreign aircraft were not involved, it was said.

The RCAF has complied with the request and, following the suggestion of the NATCC, is using the USAF's Mitchel Air Force Base, about 25 miles east of New York, whenever it makes a flight into the New York area.

National Air Show

The National Air Show, to be held on September 19 at the Canadian National Exhibition site in Toronto, promises to be one of the best air displays to be held in Canada in many years. The show, sponsored annually by the Toronto Flying Club, will feature both flying and static displays. All flying will be done over the CNE waterfront, while the static exhibits will be in CNE buildings, or on the grounds.

Among the attractions will be the appearance of 12 CF-100's from 445 Squadron, which is now based at Uplands. Flying displays will also be given by the Sabre, the Comet, and Avro's Jetliner, as well as a formation of T-33 trainers.

A feature of the show will be the annual handicap race, now known as the Governor General's Cup Race. This race offers cash prizes totalling \$950 and is open to any licensed Canadian pilot flying any Canadian registered aircraft with an all-up weight of not more than 3,858 pounds at time of take-off. The race is over a closed course of approximately 60 miles.

First prize is \$500; second prize, \$300; third prize, \$100; fourth prize, \$50.

COPA Booms

The COPA reports that its initial membership drive has been so successful that the membership will be more than 2,000 by the end of this year.

As an additional attraction to membership, the organization has recently completed arrangements with Morgan, Nicholson, Limited, and their associa-



FRONT AND BACK: The Blackburn Beverly prototype is shown on its recent first flight. The aircraft is the forerunner of the Beverly C. Mk. I transport which is being produced in quantity for the RAF. The Beverly can carry, simultaneously, ten jeeps and 42 troops. Powered by four Bristol Centaurus engines, the aircraft has a span of 162 feet, a length of 99 feet, and a height of 38 feet.

