

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

Robert J. (Chick) Childerhose, until recently a serving officer in the RCAF, has been appointed assistant editor of *Aircraft*. During his term of service with the Air Force, Mr. Childerhose flew Sabres, first with No. 1 Air Division, and for the past two years with No. 1 Overseas Ferry Unit.

While attached to the OFU he completed a considerable number of trans-Atlantic ferry operations. As one of his last duties in the RCAF, he was a member of a detachment of Sabres which made an experimental deployment flight from Vancouver to Halifax. The section in which Mr. Childerhose flew completed the trans-Canada distance in 5 hrs. 30 secs., a new record for coast-to-coast flight.

While attached to the OFU as a ferry pilot, he doubled in brass as the unit public relations officer. He has written numerous article on various aspects of jet flying which have appeared in several Canadian publications, including *Aircraft*. One of his articles won him a joint first place in the technical & trade magazines section of the Canadian Aviation Writing Awards.

John Henry Tudhope, Civil Aviation and Communications Attache at Canada House in London died Oct. 12 after serving his post with distinction for eight years. He was 65 years old.

Mr. Tudhope was born in Johannesburg, South Africa. As a youth he worked in the South African gold mines and saw active service with the armed forces between 1914 and 1918. He came to Canada the next year and after taking out Canadian citizenship, he joined the RCAF where he rose to the rank of squadron leader. In 1927 he

left the Air Force to join the Department of Transport. It was at this time that the Canadian government decided to inaugurate regular air mail services, beginning with a pick-up from trans-Atlantic liners at Rimouski, from where the mail would be flown to Montreal by seaplane.

The pilot chosen for the first attempt was John Tudhope. The attempt failed, with the aircraft being broken up by heavy seas, but the service was eventually established. During the next three years, when mail services were begun across the Prairies, then over the Rockies, it was John Tudhope who made the first flights. In recognition of his accomplishments, in 1930 he was awarded the McKee Trophy.

Understandably, when TCA was formed in 1937, Tudhope was selected to pilot the first exploratory, trans-Canada flight. Through storm and fog he flew a 10-passenger Lockheed Electra from Montreal to Vancouver on July 30, 1937. It was the first trans-Canada dawn-to-dusk flight.

Vice-president of Canada's first aviation insurance group in 1938, he left it to join TCA in 1943. A year later he was made TCA general manager of operations, a position he held until his appointment in 1948 to Air Attache in London.

In memory of his son who was killed during the Battle of Britain, he donated the Tudhope Memorial Trophy to offer encouragement and incentive to young pilots. It is awarded each year to the youthful pilot graduating with the highest assessment in all Canada.

Appointment of Wesley V. Hurley as assistant to the president, has been

announced by Avro Aircraft Ltd. Mr. Hurley was formerly deputy assistant secretary U.S. Air Force for research & development programs.

A graduate in engineering from John Hopkins University, Mr. Hurley was active in the early industrial development of turbojet engines in the U.S. and published early contributions to the design of turbojet engines for supersonic flight.

In 1954 he became advisor to the deputy commander for technical operations where he organized and brought into operation the analysis & evaluation office to assist in the management of the overall research and development program. In October, 1955, he was made deputy for programs to the assistant secretary for research & development, a post he resigned to take up his present appointment.

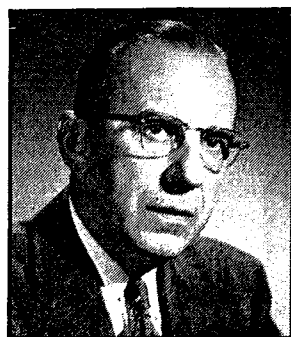
Group Captain H. M. Kennedy (Rtd.) AFC, CD, has joined Pacific Western Airlines and will take up residence in Edmonton as acting assistant manager, Northern Division, it has been announced by PWA President Russell Baker.

G/C Kennedy, who flew with McKenzie Air Service in Edmonton between 1934 and 1938, has had a distinguished career in commercial and service aviation. On the formation of Trans-Canada Air Lines, G/C Kennedy joined that company as a captain serving with the airline until World War II. During his wartime service he was instrumental in the formation of the RCAF's Transport Command.

At the end of the war he returned to TCA for a year during which he was a captain on the North Atlantic service. Returning to the RCAF, G/C Kennedy served for a year as Canadian Air Attache at the Embassy in Brussels. Following his return in 1949, he took



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