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WESTERN PILOT WINS WEBSTER TROPHY

**DON JACQUES OF VANCOUVER PROVES TOP PILOT
CAPT. FRANCIS, ALSO WESTERNER, IS RUNNER-UP**

For the third successive year, the west carried off top honors in the Webster Trophy competition, held annually to select the best amateur pilot in Canada. This year, the Trophy was won by Donald Jacques, Aero Club of B.C. The Sanderson Shield, for runner-up went to another westerner, Capt. Donald Francis, Brandon Flying Club.

Indicative of the close competition was the final scoring which gave the winner 441.6 points out of a maximum 500, while the runner-up had 440.4 points.

The Webster finals were staged at the Windsor airport on Sept. 9-10. Presentations were made at a special banquet Saturday evening, Sept. 10.

The Trophy was presented to the winner by Hon. Paul Martin who stressed the value of this competition in improving pilot standards and reviewed the history of the award. The runner-up was presented with the San-

derson Shield by its donor, Jack Sanderson.

The banquet meeting was under chairmanship of George Galloway, pres. of the Windsor Flying Club. Hon. Mr. Martin was introduced by A. D. McLean, controller of civil aviation.

Other prizes awarded at the meeting were: Windsor Daily Star Trophy, to Nelson Seeler; and the Hiram Walker Trophy, to Maurice Sears.

Has 410 Hours

The Webster winner, Mr. Jacques, was sponsored by the Aero Club of B.C., although easterners may console themselves with the knowledge that he learned to fly at Leavens Bros., Toronto, in 1944. Subsequently he flew with the Regina Flying Club before going to the west coast. He has logged 410 hours.

Capt. Francis, runner-up, is stationed at the Joint Air Training School, Rivers, Man. He has flown 110 hours al-

though he learned to fly in March of this year.

Finalists at Windsor, according to zones represented, were: Pacific, Donald Jacques, Aero Club of B.C.; Alberta, Alvin A. Ashcroft, Lethbridge Flying Club; Saskatchewan, B. J. Bearman, Regina Flying Club; Mid-

West, Capt. David W. Francis, Brandon Flying Club.

Central, R. J. Smallman, St. Catharines Flying Club; St. Lawrence, F. G. Villeneuve, Atlas Aviation Ltd.; Ottawa, R. A. Whelan, Ottawa Flying Club; Maritime, Majorie Laws, Moncton Flying Club.

C-100 May Fly This Month Chief of Staff Predicts

The secret two-seat jet fighter XC-100 designed and built for the RCAF at Malton is expected to fly in October, according to the prediction of Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, chief of air staff. Speaking at Kitchener on Sept. 18, the CAS estimated the initial flight date as "within a month."

"We are two years ahead," he said, describing the XC-100, for which specifications were drawn up four years ago, as "a night fighter and all-round fighter."

Meantime, there seemed to be a good chance that the Orenda jet engine, also developed at the A. V. Roe Canadian plant at Malton,

might be chosen to power the Canadian-built version of the North American F-86 Sabre fighter for the RCAF.

The Canadair plant at Montreal is tooling for production of the Sabre, having received a \$30,211,190 order for 100 of this type. The first of these is expected to come off the line next year. These will be in addition to 30 Sabres which are to be delivered to the RCAF from North American at a price of \$15 millions.

To cope with the new order, Canadair is erecting a 200,000 sq. ft. extension to its No. 1 plant at Cartierville. Estimated cost of this is \$2 millions.

Hon. Paul Martin presents the Webster Trophy to Donald Jacques, top amateur pilot in Canada, at a banquet in Windsor.

Winner Don Jacques and runner-up Capt. David Francis, pose with their trophies, the Webster and the Sanderson Shield.

Jack Sanderson awards the Sanderson Shield, for Webster runner-up, to Capt. David Francis of the Brandon Flying Club.

