



A major exhibit in the new museum is this Orenda turbojet engine.

FOR THE RECORD

A National Aviation Museum

ADREAM for more than a quarter of a century came true October 25 when Canada's new National Aviation Museum was opened at Ottawa by Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean, subbing for Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

The new Museum has 13,000 sq. ft. of floor space on the second storey of the east wing of the new terminal at Ottawa International Airport, Uplands. Because the Museum is approached down a long corridor, there was not space for the guests (who included the Hon. J. A. D. McCurdy) to assemble outside the doors and the opening ceremony was

therefore held in the Ottawa terminal's ground floor auditorium.

The ceremony marking the opening was relatively simple. General A. G. L. McNaughton, chairman of the NRC Associate Committee on a National Aviation Museum, outlined the background of development to the Museum, then the Hon. Mr. MacLean pressed a button which opened the Museum's doors by remote control.

There is only one full scale aircraft included in the exhibits at this time, this being the RCAF-owned Silver Dart replica. For space reasons, this is on display in the ground floor auditorium in which the

opening ceremony was held. Practically every other type of aircraft which has ever been built or operated in Canada is represented in model form.

The Museum's planners have used to good advantage the relatively limited space available, with well organized sections depicting the various phases of aviation development in Canada. These include: pioneering, piston-engined aircraft, supporting services, operations, jets, research & development, and manufacturing. There is also a museum for children and a section which illustrates the contribution that aviation has made to Canada's development.



Left, an example of the stillborn Velvet Glove guided missile goes on display. Right, some platform guests at the opening, L-R: A/M Frank Miller, A/M Hugh Campbell, MP Walter Dinsdale, Fisheries Minister Angus MacLean.