

Names in the News

• **Joseph John Russell, MCAI, AMIAS**, 52, died May 16. Mr. Russell, who at the time of his death was assistant to the president of Fairey Aviation Co. of Canada Ltd., resident in Ottawa, had been associated with the aviation field since the mid-twenties.

Joe Russell was a pilot and engineer and during his long aeronautical career was associated with many of the legendary names of aviation, including Sir Alan Cobham's Circus.

He first came to Canada in 1936, when he joined Canadian Vickers as an aircraft inspector. During World War II he was associated with CanCar, rising to the position of assistant general manager of the aircraft and automotive division. In 1950 he joined the Department of Reconstruction and Supply in connection with the build-up of the aircraft production program for the RCAF; in 1951 he transferred to the newly-formed DDP where he was deputy director of the aircraft branch. He joined Fairey of Canada a short time later.

• **Brooke Claxton**, chairman of the Canada Council and former Minister of National Defence in the Liberal Government died last month in Ottawa of cancer. A man of many pursuits, he was vice-president and general manager for Canada of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., which position he took on retiring from active political life in 1954. Mr. Claxton held the Defence portfolio from 1946 to 1954 and it was during this period that the RCAF was reorganized and grew into its modern form.

• **Spartan Air Services Ltd.**, of Ottawa, following its recently formed association with Bristol of Aeroplane Co. of Canada Ltd., announces the following appointments:

E. L. Bunnell as operations manager. Mr. Bunnell is the former sales manager (aircraft) of the Winnipeg Division of Bristol Aero-Industries Ltd.

W. U. Hardy, as sales manager. Mr. Hardy has had wide experience in photo survey work, photo interpretation and mapping.

G. Shaw as chief engineer. Before joining Spartan in 1956, Mr. Shaw served with the Geological Survey of Canada, both as a geologist and geophysicist.

• **Edward Gaydos** has been appointed chief airworthiness engineer for Canadair Ltd. Mr. Gaydos was formerly chief of airworthiness at Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp. Prior to that, he was supervising flight test engineer for the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration (now the FAA).

The announcement of his appointment emphasizes the importance of the forthcoming FAA certification of the CL-44D swing-tail air freighter presently being built for three major U.S. cargo carriers.

• **A. P. Smibert, CA**, has been appointed financial and commercial manager of Rolls-Royce of Canada Ltd. Mr. Smibert was formerly company secretary and manager of the spare parts division. He joined Rolls-Royce of Canada in 1952 as senior accountant.

Mr. Smibert served with the RCAF during World War II as a pilot in 407

Squadron. He is chairman of the board of governors of Lower Canada College.

• **Charles A. Grinyer**, who led the technical staff which designed and built the Orenda Iroquois engine, was honored at the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Aeronautical Institute as recipient of the McCurdy Award for 1959. It was presented to Mr. Grinyer by the Hon. J. A. D. McCurdy on behalf of the CAI.

Mr. Grinyer, a native of England, came to Canada in 1952 and in 1954 became vice-president, engineering, with Orenda Engines Ltd.

• **Murray D. Willer**, who is president of the newly-formed Willer Engineering & Sales Co., Toronto, has been associated with the aircraft manufacturing industry in Canada for many years. He was previously sales & service manager with Avro Aircraft and was also chairman of the AITA's committee during its formative years.

• Three Maritime Central Airways captains have received honors and congratulations from the Douglas Aircraft Co. Inc. for their outstanding service and safety record on the ever-green DC-3 aircraft.

The men, **Capt. R. W. Mills**, **Capt. C. H. Trainor**, and **Capt. R. F. Murnaghan**, all senior captains with MCA, have each accumulated more than 21,000 hours on the one type of equipment during the 15-year period following the War. It is believed this volume of continual flying on the DC-3 surpasses any existing North American record.

All three pilots started their flying careers with the RCAF during World War II, all of them serving with distinction both in Canada and overseas. Captain Trainor in particular had a brilliant war record as a fighter pilot.



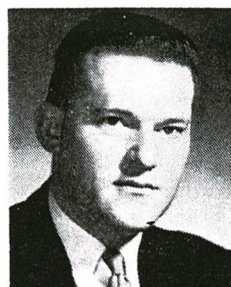
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