



Zurakowski to Join Avro Test Staff

Jan Zurakowski, the test pilot who last September stood the aeronautical world on its ear by demonstrating "the first entirely new aerobatic in 20 years," the Zurabatic Cartwheel, is coming to Canada to join the test flying staff of Avro Canada.

An engineer as well as a pilot, Zurakowski worked out his famous cartwheel on a sliderule before trying it in a Gloster Meteor. He graduated from the Empire Test Pilot's School in 1944 after a distinguished record in the RAF.

Expect Dobson, Spriggs On Inspection at Avro

Sir Roy Dobson, managing director of Avro Manchester, and Sir Frank Spriggs, managing director of the Hawker-Siddeley Group in England, were expected in Toronto at the end of April on a semi-annual inspection visit to the Avro Canada plant at Malton. Both are directors of Avro Canada.

New MIG Developed By Russ. Designers

MOSCOW — Russia may soon be using a new MIG aircraft designed by the same team that conceived the MIG-15 jet fighter now being used in Korea.

The hint came in the award of Stalin prizes for aircraft to Artem Mikoyan and Mikhail Gurevich, designers of the MIG series, and 16 other members of Mikoyan's Airplane Engineering Bureau. Mikoyan's first prize came to 150,000 rubles—\$37,500 at the official rate.

Andrei Tupolev, a specialist in designing long-distance bombers and attack planes, won a second prize of 100,000 rubles. Ilyushin won wartime fame for designing the Stormovik, a low-level attack plane.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 24 — Lightplane air races to be staged at Toronto Island Airport, sponsored by the Canadian Lightplane Racing Association.

May 19-29 — Refresher school for flying instructors, to be held at the Brant-Norfolk Aero Club. Sponsored by the D.O.T. with co-operation of AITA and RCFA.

June 17-19 — International Exhibition of Aircraft Parts and Equipment at Hotel Park Sheraton, New York City.

July 8-12 — Annual convention of the Aviation Writers Association at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

Sept. 1-7 — Annual Society of British Aircraft Constructors Show at Farnborough, England.

Cost of Sabres On Sliding Scale

OTTAWA—Cost of producing F86 Sabre Jets is going down, according to Department of Defense Production officials. This was stated in the House of Commons in reply to a question by M. J. Coldwell, CCF leader.

The first group of the fighters cost \$318,000 each, the department said.

The cost included \$240,000 plus sales taxes for the airframes built by Montreal's Canadair Ltd. and \$78,000 plus duty and taxes for engines and other parts imported from the United States.

The reply said deliveries of Sabres now and in the future "are expected to have a substantially lower average cost."

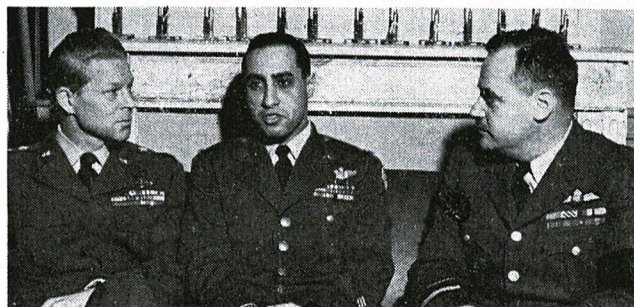
May Operate Jetliner Testing Radar in U. S.

The possibility that the Avro Jetliner might be flown in the United States for a year was seen arising out of negotiations between Avro Canada and Hughes Aircraft Company of Los Angeles, Calif. The Jetliner flew to California in April while discussions with Hughes were in progress. At the same time, Crawford Gordon, Jr., President, and Fred T. Smye, Aircraft Division Manager, of Avro were in California on business.

It is indicated that Hughes may use the Jetliner in testing electronic equipment under high-speed, high-altitude flight conditions.



AIRCRAFT TECHNICIANS—EXECUTIVE—New executive of the Institute of Aircraft Technicians, elected at the recent annual meeting in Montreal are shown. Front row, l. to r.: F. W. M. Moore, vice-president (Bristol Aeroplane Engines (Eastern) Ltd.); R. A. Vinet, president (Canadair Ltd.); R. J. Conrath, director (Railway & Power Engineering). Back row, l. to r.: W. Gill, director (Colonial Airlines); D. Downie, director (T.C.A.); and C. M. Newhall, director (The Babb Co. (Canada) Ltd.). Absent: R. Richmond, director (Canadair Ltd.).



JET COMBAT VETERAN—Major James A. Jabara, centre, who shot down six MIG-15's during a month's fighting over Korea, is shown with Lieut.-Gen. Lauris Norstad, left, and A/V/M John L. Plant, RCAF, at Fontainebleau, France, Allied Air Force H.Q. Major Jabara spoke to members of the RCAF in the U. K. on jet combat techniques.



HEADS FORD WING PLANT—Edward T. Wellock, formerly with Boeing Aircraft, Seattle, who has been appointed manager of the aircraft wing plant of Ford Motor Company of Canada. Ford will make wings for the T-33A jet trainer. Mr. Wellock spent three years with Canadair at Montreal as supt. of parts and tool fabrication.

DIRECTS FLYING HEALTH — G/C A. A. G. Corbett, RCAF director of health services, who has been promoted to the rank of Air Commodore.