

—NAMES IN THE NEWS

* **Fred W. Luker** has resigned as assistant to the general manager of Avro Canada's Gas Turbine Division. Mr. Luker intends to undertake consulting engineering work in Canada and the U.S., and in this connection his services are being retained by Avro Canada, so that his Orenda knowledge and experience will not be lost.

Robert Rychlicki has been named general manager of Wheeler Airlines Limited, St. Jovite, P.Q., it has been announced by F. H. (Tom) Wheeler president. A World War II fighter pilot, Mr. Rychlicki has been identified with the air line since last winter, when he assumed administrative duties in preparation for "Operation Budworm".

He is a graduate in business administration at the University of Posnan in Poland. A pilot in the Polish Air Force reserve in 1935, he escaped to France when his country was overrun by Germany in 1939, and joined the French Air Force. After the fall of France, he flew his aircraft to Algiers and subsequently made his way to England via Gibraltar, joining the Polish 316 Squadron in the RAF. He served in Fighter Command until 1944, when he was posted to Canada, joining the RAF 45 Group in Transport Command at Dorval. When the war was over he took up residence in Montreal, became a Canadian citizen and joined the staff of Canadian International Paper Co. Limited.

With the Wheeler organization growing steadily during the past few years, Rychlicki was assigned the task of departmentalizing the overall air line operation, and easing President Wheeler's increased administrative duties.

Miss L. I. Houseman, RN, has been appointed chief stewardess by TCA, it was announced recently.

Born and educated at Central Butte, Saskatchewan, Miss Houseman is a graduate of the Toronto General Hospital's school of nursing. She joined the air line immediately following graduation and since 1944 has served at TCA stations at Moncton, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and Calgary.

In 1946, Miss Houseman was appointed stewardess-in-charge of the TCA central region. Now, as chief stewardess, she will be responsible for



MISS L. I. HOUSEMAN

the supervision of TCA flight attendants and the training of 300 additional young women to keep pace with the rapid expansion of the company and aviation generally.

C. R. Snell, who has been co-ordinator of the general purchasing branch of the Department of Defence Production for some time, has returned to the CNR to take up a new appointment as general purchasing agent. Mr. Snell has been on loan to the DDP since 1950, when he left the CNR in Winnipeg to become managing director of the Canadian Commercial Corporation.

He is being replaced by **D. M. Erskine**, who has been named director

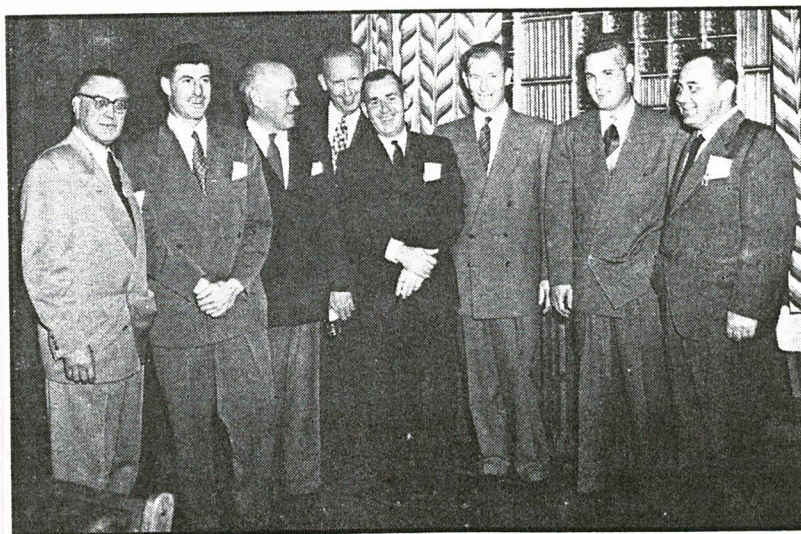
of the general purchasing branch. Mr. Erskine has been in government service since 1941 and came to the DDP from Canadian Commercial Corporation, where he was assistant general purchasing agent. During his service in the DDP, he has been in charge of purchasing in the shipbuilding and aircraft divisions.

Lionel J. Dennett was recently appointed general manager of Decca Radar (Canada) Limited, 1175 Bay Street, Toronto. Mr. Dennett, who has been associated with Decca for a number of years, succeeds **Colonel S. Stephenson**, who has resigned from the company.

J. Geoffrey Notman, president & general manager of Canadair Limited, was recently extended a singular honor when he was invited to attend the seventeenth Joint Civilian Orientation Conference of Military Services, held in Washington, D.C., October 30-November 6, and including a tour of American military installations. Only other Canadian attending was **Dr. Gordon M. Schrum**, of the University of British Columbia and a member of the Defence Research Board.

Earl K. Brownridge has been named general works manager of Avro Canada's Gas Turbine Division, a newly created post intended to supervise and co-ordinate all gas turbine manufacturing activities. Mr. Brownridge was formerly works manager of the Division.

T. R. McLagan was re-elected president of the Canadian Industrial Pre-



Among those attending the recent Aviation Spark Plug & Ignition Conference at Toledo, Ohio, were, L to R: **C. A. Spears**, managing dir., Champion Spark Plug Co. of Canada Ltd.; **Li. G. M. Cummings**, RCN; **A. E. Hutt**, CPA; **L. M. Frigon** of Champion; **R. W. Farren**, TCA; **K. C. Stuart**, Canadian P & W; **R. Quinn**, Imperial Oil Ltd.; **WO. 1 J. L. Arnold**, RCAF. Champion sponsors conference yearly.