

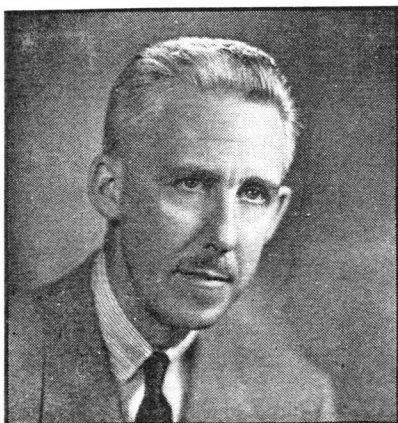
—NAMES IN THE NEWS

Charles H. Babb, 53, died in New York on November 15 shortly after his return from the AITA annual convention at Montebello, P.Q., which ended November 12. Mr. Babb was president of The Babb Co., Incorporated, and of its Canadian subsidiaries, The Babb Co. (Canada) Limited, and Aircraft Industries of Canada Limited. Just within the last few weeks he had completed the sale of all the outstanding stock of his company to Atlas Consolidated Vultee Aircraft corporation et al. However, he was continuing to head the American organization as well as its Canadian subsidiaries.

Mr. Babb became associated with aviation in 1918 and since that time has built up an organization that has become known as the world's largest dealer in new and used aircraft, aircraft engines, parts and accessories. It has warehouses, and service and maintenance facilities at several points in the U.S. and Canada and maintains offices in many foreign countries.

E. M. Bevan has been appointed Toronto representative of Bancroft Industries Limited, Montreal. Mr. Bevan has been connected with aviation since 1937, when he joined the stores department of The de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited. He was appointed chief storekeeper at de Havilland in 1939 and more recently he has been in charge of expediting for this company.

Ian M. Hamer, A.F.R.Ae.S., M.I.A.S., P. Eng., has recently been elected to the board of directors of Dowty Equipment of Canada Limited as technical director.



IAN HAMER

Following post-graduate studies in aeronautics at the University of Toronto Mr. Hamer worked for several years in the British aircraft industry. He joined Dowty Equipment Limited in 1940 and a year later was sent to Canada to assist in the expansion of the Canadian branch of the Company. For ten years prior to his recent appointment, he held the position of chief engineer of the Canadian organization.

Ian A. Gray has been named CPA director of maintenance & engineering, it was announced recently by Vice-President R. W. Ryan. For the past year he has been assistant to the president of CPA, a post that is being taken over this month by **Ronald A. Keith**, formerly editor of Canadian Aviation. Both men will be based at Vancouver.



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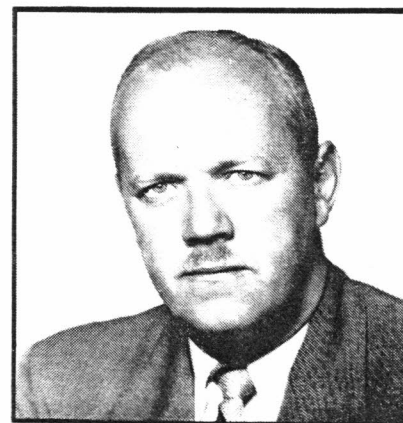
Other recent CPA appointments include that of **H. T. Bancroft** to the position of general superintendent of maintenance, and **T. W. Siers** to the position of assistant to general superintendent of maintenance, both with headquarters in Vancouver.

C. Wesley Budd has been named assistant general traffic manager for the Air Line. Mr. Budd joined CPA in Montreal in 1942 and held various posts in the traffic department of the Company there and in Winnipeg before going to Vancouver in 1949. He was previously director of traffic procedures, a post he retained until the time of his new appointment.

W. (Babe) Woollett has been named manager of CPA's South Pacific region with headquarters at Sydney, Australia. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Woollett was assistant to the general traffic manager. He first became associated with aviation during a term of service in the RAF, later coming to Canada where he joined Fairchild Aerial Survey. He also flew as a bush pilot out of the Montreal area. In 1939 he joined the RCAF, and on a temporary release basis assisted in the formation of the civilian operated flying schools. Later he became manager of the eastern region for CPA air navigation schools.

Edgar H. Atkin, the designer who was the guiding hand behind Avro Canada's C-102 Jetliner and CF-100 all-weather fighter, resigned from Avro Canada's technical staff last summer, it was learned recently. Mr. Atkin is now employed by Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation of Bethpage, Long Island.

He was in charge of all of Avro Canada's airframe projects almost from



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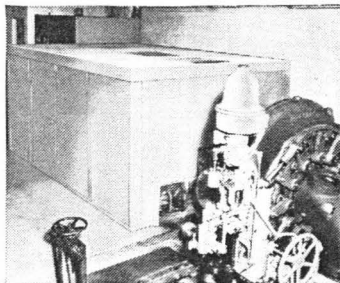
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the inception of the company. Most of this time he carried the title of chief engineer. However, when Crawford Gordon, Jr., took over the presidency, the company was re-organized into two divisions, the Aircraft Division and the Gas Turbine Division. A short time later, in December of last year, James C. Floyd was named chief engineer of the Aircraft Division, and Mr. Atkin was appointed to the purely nominal position of technical director. His duties were described as being "to investigate design trends outside the company and new fields of development . . . contact engine firms and review the company's technical facilities, as well as advise on its technical education and training . . . also act as representative of the company on joint bodies set up by the NAE and other government agencies."

Evidently dissatisfied with his new post, he went on leave of absence in May, and turned in his formal resignation in August.

Val Cronstedt, closely associated with the U.S. aircraft industry for the past 35 years, has been appointed director of engineering of A. V. Roe Canada's Gas Turbine Division. Mr. Cronstedt has a long career in aviation, having been chief engineer at the Lycoming-Spencer Division of Avco Manufacturing Corporation for ten years and executive engineer of Pratt & Whitney Division of United Aircraft for 13 years. During the last two years he was consulting engineer to the Swedish aircraft engine industry, discontinuing this connection because of the Swedish decision not to develop aircraft reaction engines of their own design.

Mr. Cronstedt was educated in Europe.

Ralph Weller has been named manager of TCA's new station at Dusseldorf, Germany, to which the air line will begin service on November 1. A graduate of Queen's College at Taunton, Somerset, Mr. Weller joined TCA in 1947 as assistant passenger service supervisor in Montreal for the company's international services to Europe and the Caribbean. Prior to joining the air line he served as a navigator with the RCAF, flying on bomber operations. During the pre-war years he was well-known in hotel catering circles in England, France, Germany, and Switzerland.