

# Names in the News

•The Defence Research Board has announced the following senior staff appointments:

Dr. J. J. Green will become chief superintendent of CARDE, Valcartier, Quebec, in succession to Brig. D. A. G. Waldo who will return to duty at Canadian Army headquarters.

Dr. N. W. Morton will succeed Dr. Green as Defence Research Member on the Canadian Joint Staff at Washington.

G. D. Watson will succeed Dr. Morton as scientific advisor to the Chief of General Staff.

•Earle A. King, airport manager, Sydney, N.S., has been appointed to the position of airport manager of the Halifax International Air-

port which is presently nearing completion. A native of Sydney, he joined the DoT in 1947. He is a veteran of World War II, serving as a pilot with the RCAF from 1940 to 1946 in Canada, Labrador and Newfoundland.

•Jim McInnis has been appointed sales manager of Western Airmotive Ltd., Vancouver. He was formerly associated with the Aero Club of B.C.

•Transport Minister George Hees recently announced the names of the members of the newly established Canadian Airworthiness Council, which has been created to advise the government on questions respecting civil aeronautical engineering, airworthiness, inspection, maintenance

and certification of aircraft, and other related matters. They are:

H. S. Rees, chief aeronautical engineer of the Department Transport, Ottawa, to be chairman of the Council.

R. D. Hiscocks, assistant chief engineer, The de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd., representing aircraft constructors.

J. H. Lucas, president & general manager, Aircraft Industries of Canada Ltd., representing repairers of aircraft and aircraft engines.

T. A. Wheatley, vice president, Canadian Aviation Insurance Managers Ltd., representing aviation insurance.

Ian A. Gray, assistant vice president, operations, Canadian Pacific Airlines, representing scheduled airlines.

J. A. Poole, chief engineer, Saskatchewan Government Airways, representing non-scheduled airlines.

Captain J. M. Grisdale, engineer-pilot, Trans-Canada Air Lines, representing commercial airlines.

•Air Marshal George M. Croil, 65, the RCAF's first Chief of the Air Staff, died in Shaughnessy Military Hospital, Vancouver, April 8.

Air Marshal Croil began his military career in 1915 as a captain in the Gordon Highlanders. It was climaxed by his appointment as inspector-general of the RCAF following his appointment as first Chief of the Air Staff in 1938.

He retired from the RCAF in 1944. Born in 1893 at Milwaukee, Wis., he moved to Montreal at the age of 11 and later to Scotland. After working there as a civil engineer he joined the Highlanders and in 1916 transferred to the Royal Flying Corps where he won the Air Force Cross for distinguished service in World War I.

Released from the RFC with the rank of major shortly after the end of the war, he returned to Canada and was commissioned as a squadron leader in the Canadian Air Force at its inception in 1920.

He was one of the original members of the RCAF, having joined it when it was formed April 1, 1924. He served at AFHQ for two years and then was selected to attend RAF Staff College at Andover, England.

Returning to Canada in 1927, he was appointed commanding officer of RCAF Station Camp Borden, Ont., a post he held until early 1934 when

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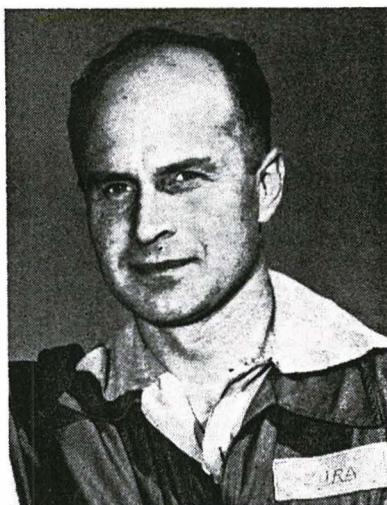
Jan Zurakowski has been named winner of the McKee Trans-Canada Trophy for 1958, it has been announced by Defence Minister George Pearkes.

Ironically, "Zura" was selected for this honor chiefly because of his work in connection with the preliminary flight testing of the Avro Arrow. He is now unemployed, but at the time of the demise of the Arrow was a liaison engineer with Avro Aircraft Ltd. He had held this post only a few months, having previously been chief experimental pilot for the Malton, Ont., company.

The announcement of the award says that . . . "Mr. Zurakowski won the award for his outstanding contribution to experimental test flying of jet aircraft in Canada, and for his outstanding contribution to world recognition of Canadian aeronautical achievements."

Born in Poland in 1914, Jan Zurakowski entered the test flying field after a distinguished career as a fighter pilot during World War II. He achieved world-wide fame, in the aeronautical field as well as among the lay public when in 1951 he calculated and performed publicly the first completely new aerobatic maneuver to be developed in 20 years. This was the wing-over-wing "Zurabatic Cartwheel", which he first demonstrated at the 1951 SBAC show. At the time, he was employed as an experimental test and demonstration pilot by Gloster Aircraft, the firm with which he served until moving to Canada in 1952 to join the then Aircraft Div. of A. V. Roe Canada Ltd.

At the 1955 SBAC Show he again attracted world attention by putting the CF-100 through a series of delicate maneuvers . . . a program



JANUSZ ZURAKOWSKI

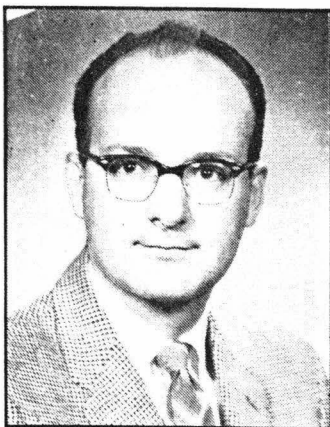
in sharp contrast to what was expected from such a large and heavy aircraft. This display did much to advance Canada's reputation in the field of aircraft design and manufacture.

Last year, Zurakowski successfully piloted the Avro Arrow on its initial flights. The success which attended these flights was largely due to his untiring efforts to familiarize himself with the aircraft, together with his high degree of skill and judgment.

His retirement from the position of Avro's chief experimental pilot coincided with his retirement from active flying.

During World War II he was credited with six enemy aircraft destroyed and was decorated with the Polish Virtuti Militari for gallantry, and the Cross of Valor.





GARTH MITCHELL

he was named senior air staff officer of the RCAF.

•W. H. Dickie has resigned as vice pres., industrial relations, A.V. Roe Canada Ltd., after eight years service with the company in management negotiation. It is regarded as a tribute to Mr. Dickie's skill as a negotiator that only twice in his 20 years of management negotiation was it necessary to refer contract differences between companies and unions to a conciliation board. These two occasions were during recent-months negotiations at Avro and Orenda when the

union memberships rejected agreements reached at the bargaining table.

•Garth Mitchell, P. Eng., joined Genaire Ltd. last month as contracts administrator. Mr. Mitchell, who holds a B.A.Sc. in aeronautical engineering, has had considerable experience in the aviation industry in Canada. He has held engineering and production positions with various aircraft firms since graduating from the University of Toronto.

•Stuart Leonard Hill, a CPA captain, is retiring after 30 years of bush flying in the Canadian North. Flying a ski and float-equipped Otter aircraft for CPA, the 60-year-old Hill for the past eight years has been flying passengers and mail between Norman Wells and Aklavik on the Arctic Ocean.

After learning to fly in a JN-4 Jenny shortly after World War I, Capt. Hill began flying for General Airways out of Amos, Quebec. This company was then servicing Val D'Or, Sisco and the mining area of Rouyn-Noranda. He worked for General Airways for nine years flying mail and supplies. In 1939 he joined Dominion Skyways, and with them made the original



STUART HILL

scheduled trip between Val d'Or and Longueuil, and serviced the Chibougamau area.

Hill began his CPA service in 1942 when Dominion Skyways became a part of the newly formed Canadian Pacific Airlines. When this operation was sold to Mont Laurier Aviation the following year, Stu Hill went to Seven Islands and flew along the North Shore. From here too, he did some of the original survey flying into Knob Lake and Blanes Sablons. In 1948 he was transferred to Alberta; for the last nine years has been operating out of Norman Wells.



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