

# NEWS ROUNDUP

## New Technical Society

Latest evidence that aviation in Canada has become a mature industry in all aspects from design to production is the announcement that a distinctively Canadian aeronautical technical organization is in the advance planning stage, and will come into being early in the new year. The announcement came from a steering committee comprising representatives of aviation groups in Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal.

To be known as the Canadian Aeronautical Institute, the new group is the outgrowth of four other aeronautical bodies: the Institute of Aircraft Technicians in Montreal, the Ottawa Aeronautical Society, and the Toronto and Montreal Sections of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences. The proposed organization has the support of the RAeS and the IAS, as well as the Engineering Institute of Canada.

Potential membership of the CAI has been estimated at 800 initially. Its headquarters will probably be in Ottawa.

The CAI's objectives will be similar to those of Britain's Royal Aeronautical Society, and the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences in the U.S.

"The growing Canadian aircraft industry already has, in the Air Industries and Transport Association, an effective organization serving the needs of management," the steering committee says. "The Canadian Aeronautical Institute, on the other hand, will have as its main object the promotion of the art, science and engineering of aeronautics."

## Crown Assets

Crown Assets Disposal Corporation (formerly War Assets) sold aircraft and aircraft components with a total value of \$368,965, during the year ended March 31, 1953, the recently issued report of the Corporation says. The total does not include individual orders of less than \$2,500.

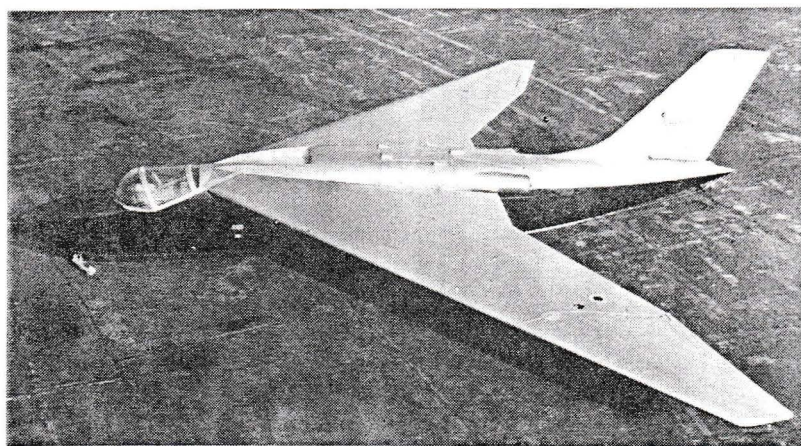
The aviation sales are itemized as follows: \$297,500 for Ventura aircraft, airframes, spares and equipment, to Spartan Air Services Limited, Ot-

tawa; \$3,600 for 13 display aircraft, to Ajax Aircraft Parts Limited, Ottawa; \$9,000 for aircraft general spares to Hercules Sales Limited, Toronto; \$5,760 for ten Ventura airframes, to D. W. Siple, Beaconsfield, P.Q.; \$3,975 for an Anson V to The Babb Co. (Canada) Limited, Dorval, P.Q.; \$16,000 for a Norseman IV to Wheeler Airlines Limited, St. Jovite, P.Q.; \$3,035 for six Wasp Juniors and

Bay, Ontario, a distance of approximately 2,000 miles by the course flown.

When the flight left Vancouver (November 15), the crew intended to span the continent to Halifax or, alternatively, Montreal, if winds were favorable. However, both winds and general weather conditions were not as helpful as necessary.

Take-off was from Vancouver International Airport at 6.30 am. PST and the landing at North Bay at approximately 1.30 pm. EST (a four



**SHORT SHERPA:** This new research aircraft is a product of Short Bros. & Harland Ltd., Belfast. Known as the "Sherpa", it features an "aero-isoclinic" wing, which has rotating wingtips as a medium of flying control, instead of conventional ailerons and elevators. The wing is designed so that as the tips bend upward with increasing loads, the unit as a whole twists so that incidence remains relatively constant. Power is by two Turbomeca turbojet engines.

one Jacobs aircraft engines, to Leavens Bros. Air Services Ltd., Toronto; \$12,600 for 600 propeller blades to Ajax Aircraft Parts Ltd., Ottawa; \$3,000 for set of Edo floats, to The Babb Co. (Canada) Ltd.; \$3,995 for aircraft parts and equipment, to Ajax Aircraft Parts Ltd.; \$6,200 for four Rolls-Royce Griffon VI aircraft engines to James G. Thompson, London, Ontario.

## Britannia to Canada

The Bristol Britannia will pay its first visit to Canada next year, it has been announced by The Bristol Aeroplane Co. of Canada Limited. The Britannia, purchased by BOAC, will include Montreal Airport among its flight terminals.

## 2,000 Miles by CF-100

An RCAF CF-100/3 recently flew non-stop from Vancouver to North

Bay, Ontario, a distance of approximately 2,000 miles by the course flown. Crew was Flight Lieutenant Mike Cobierski, pilot, and Flight Lieutenant Doug Turner, radar navigator. The flight was a routine one made for long range training purposes.

## COMING EVENTS

**December 17**—Seventeenth Wright Brothers Lecture, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building Auditorium, Washington, D.C.

**January 25-26**—25th Annual Meeting of the Royal Canadian Flying Clubs Assoc., Chateau Laurier, Ottawa.

**January 25-29, 1954**—IAS 22nd Annual Meeting & Honors Night Dinner, Hotel Astor, New York City.

**May 5-7**—Third International Aviation Trade Show, sponsored by Aircraft Trade Shows, Inc., 71st Regiment Armory, New York.

**May 12-14**—Engineering Institute of Canada, annual meeting, Quebec, P.Q.

**May 31-June 11**—Canadian International Trade Fair, Toronto.

**June 12**—National Air Show, Toronto.