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A Douglas milestone and a promise of 400 more jobs

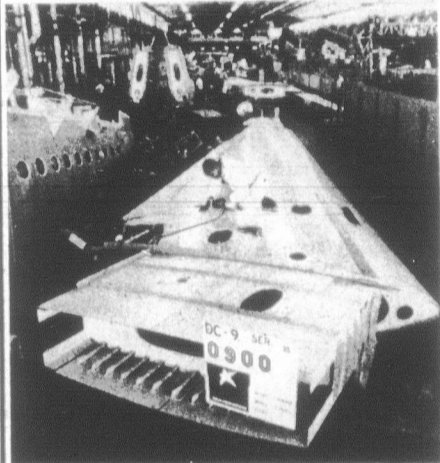
By SID RODAWAY
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Douglas Aircraft of Canada, which has added almost 1,000 new employees on the payroll in Mississauga during the last year, announced Friday it will hire another 400 by 1980 to produce wings for the McDonnell Douglas Super 80 DC-9 airliner. This will bring the total work force to 3,100.

Ceremonies at the Malton plant last week also marked the shipment of the 900th set of DC-9 wings to the American parent company for assembly.

Sanford McDonnell, president of the U.S. firm, announced that Douglas Aircraft of Canada Ltd. would change its name to McDonnell Douglas Canada Ltd. as part of a move to expand the role of the Canadian subsidiary.

He hinted that the Canadian operation might take on assignments for other than commercial-airline production. If Canada chooses a McDonnell design for its new fighter aircraft, it will mean even more jobs at Malton.



Workers at the McDonnell Douglas Canada Plant in Malton put the finishing touches on the 900th wing to be built for the McDonnell Douglas DC-9 twin-jet airliner. No. 900 was delivered in ceremonies at the plant on Friday.

McDonnell revealed that since 1965 the company had invested some \$130 million here in Mississauga, producing wings and other components for 1,100 DC-9s and DC-10s. A total of 400,000 passengers a day around the world are carried on aircraft with wings made at the Malton plant.

He said that the spar-milling facility here was the largest in the western hemisphere and "second to none in high technology."

The Super 80 DC-9 is a stretched version of the popular twin-engine, short-to-medium-range airliner.

The Super 80 will carry up to 172 passengers and the company claims it will do it with the least noise and best fuel efficiency of any airliner flying.

The Malton plant employed as many as 7,000 men and women in the early 1970s, but steady cutbacks reduced the work force to 1,850 by a year ago.

Despite those reductions in the Canadian operation, the parent firm showed a record net profit of \$163 million in 1977, according to McDonnell.

Mississauga MP Tony Abbott, minister of state for small business, told the audience of employees and their families that the decision to expand operations again to meet the demand of aircraft sales through the 1980s would assure them of a stable future.

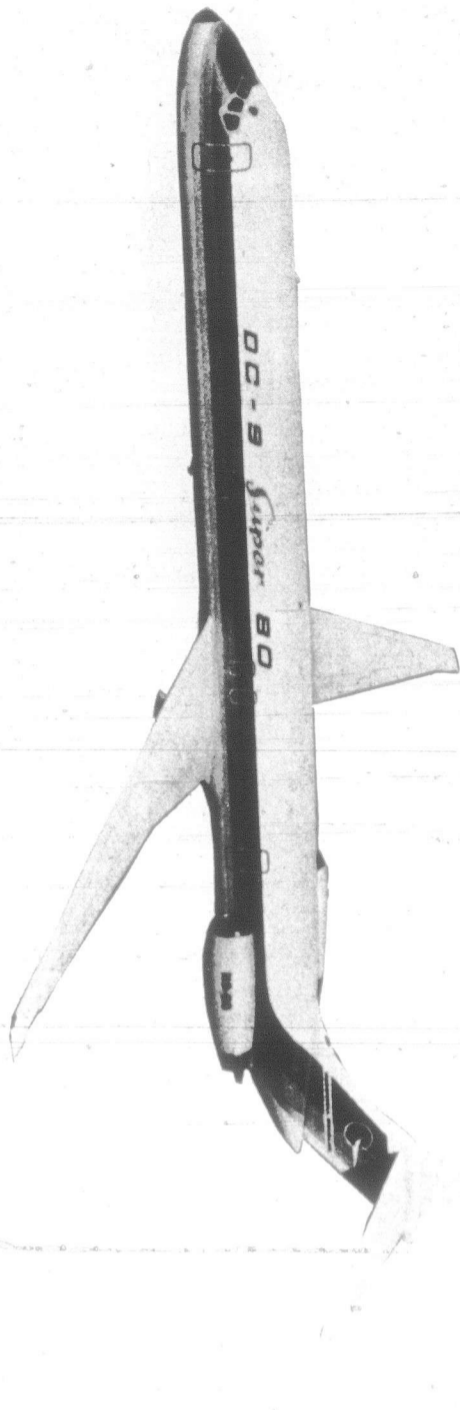
He said that although some people complained of aircraft noise around the Toronto International Airport, "I know several thousand people here think of economic success when they hear the roar of jet engines."

Mississauga Mayor Ron Searle recalled that it took the foresight and courage of Toronto Township Reeve Mary Fix in the mid-1950s to build a water and sewer line up Dixie Road to Malton to service the burgeoning aircraft industry.

At that time, the Police Village of Malton had a population of 2,700, but when Fix died in 1972, Douglas Aircraft alone employed almost three times that number.

McDonnell Douglas workers had Friday off for their July 1 holiday and the company invited them and their families back to an open house, catered by McDonald's restaurant.

Air Canada loaned the company one of its operational DC-9s for display purposes.



Women's centre threatened by Ottawa: Flora

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Calling it "sheer dictatorship," former federal Progressive Conservative leadership candidate Flora MacDonald said Thursday night that a local charitable group, the Brampton Women's Centre, had been forced by Ottawa to sign a pledge promising not to get involved in any kind of political activity or face the penalty of not receiving a tax-exempt status.

"It makes me shudder," she told an estimated 60 members of the Mississauga North Federal Progressive Conservative Association at their annual meeting. "Surely, we as Canadians believe in the right to speak out. People came to this country in the first place for the right of freedom of speech."

MacDonald, MP for Kingston and the Islands in eastern Ontario, said that the federal government had recently put out a circular to all 3,800 charitable organizations in Canada.

She explained that it instructed these charities that their official status would be in jeopardy if they indulged in political activities.

She said political activity could include writing letters to newspapers or speaking out on local issues. After some protest, the circular was withdrawn for reconsideration, but "last week the Brampton Women's Centre was forced to sign a pledge that it would not get involved in any kind of political activity."

The centre's co-ordinator Georgina Cummer, confirmed MacDonald's comments when contacted by The Times on Friday.

She said the pledge was signed on June 14 because Revenue Canada officials had demanded it be signed before the new organization would be given a tax-exemption number.

"The letter to the women's centre stated that it must not take part in any lobbying for changes in legislation, give support to any party or candidate or take part in 'like activities for achievement of political purposes.'"

"I can't understand a prohibition against lobbying," Cummer said. "Isn't it part of a charity's

purpose to try and improve society?"

She said that when a representative of the women's centre phoned Revenue Canada in Ottawa, she was told that there was nothing they could do to "embarrass" the department into changing the rules.

In fact, Cummer said, the department encouraged the group to take the issue to court as a test case. A representative said that although the original circular had been withdrawn, the government policy had not.

The Brampton Women's Centre needs the tax-exempt status to be able to survive beyond the end of this year. At present, it is operating on grants from Peel region and the federal government.

Rudy Skjarum North PC head

Rudy Skjarum, a Toronto Dominion Bank manager, was elected as president of the Mississauga North Federal Progressive Conservative Association Thursday night at the organization's annual meeting.

An estimated 60 people attended the meeting at the Hawthorne Valley Golf and Country Club on Highway 10.

Guest speaker was Flora MacDonald, MP for Kingston and the Islands and a former candidate for the federal leadership of

the Progressive Conservative Party.

Also elected: David Ibbott, first vice-president; Pat Madigan, second vice-president; Gerry Townsend, third vice-president; George Gow, fourth vice-president; Stephanie Thomson, fifth vice president; Bob Weseloh, secretary; and Gordon Webster as treasurer.

The PCs' federal-election candidate for Mississauga North is Alex Jupp, a vice-president for public relations of the Molson Companies.

Employment prospects brighter

A private quarterly survey of about 50 Mississauga companies shows one in five anticipates enlarging staff size over the next three months, according to Bob Hunter, Manpower Temporary Services marketing manager.

The survey of some 931 medium- and major-sized **Seven Peel teachers resign**

Seven Peel Board of Education teachers have resigned, effective Aug. 31 of this year.

The teachers are Beverly Altberg of H. F. Loughlin Public School; Heather Beesley of Greenbriar Public School; Dale Currie of Riverside Public School; Shirlee Park of Madoc Drive Public School; Susan Sanderson of Northwood Public School; Gloria Roberts of Mayfield Secondary School; and Carole Wigle of Erindale Secondary School.

companies across Canada is considered a highly accurate barometer of short-term employment trends.

A total of 23.7 per cent of the Mississauga firms surveyed indicated they would increase staffs by slight or moderate numbers during July, August and September.

Only 2.6 per cent responded that they would be laying off employees, giving this city a net average rating of 21.1 per cent, compared to a national average of just over 30 per cent.

The numbers used in the survey tend to be rather arbitrary because they do not reveal the number of employees involved, but they do reveal corporate attitudes toward growth over the next three months.

Hunter told The Times that although Mississauga may lag behind the national average this summer in local plans for employment growth, it is

nevertheless up significantly from last summer's pessimistic rating, when 4.7 per cent of area companies anticipated increasing staff size.

"I think it is also worth noting that in Mississauga there are almost no firms anticipating layoffs this summer," Hunter said.

"Virtually all of the firms responding to the survey forecast either no change or slight to moderate increases in their staff size."

During the second quarter of 1978 (April, May and June) a net total of 18.5 per cent of Mississauga companies indicated they planned to increase their payroll over that three-month period, compared to a national average of 29 per cent.

The survey does not touch on new firms entering the area and as a result does not reflect the current industrial con-

struction boom taking place in Mississauga.

While the nation-wide survey touches on 10 major industry sectors, the survey emphasizes manufacturing in this city

because of its suburban character. The survey has been conducted in Canada every three months for the last 20 years. Mississauga was first included in the Manpower Temporary Services survey last year.

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Removal or demolition must be completed in accordance with the provisions of the tender documents.

This property may be viewed from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 7, 1978, when a representative of the Ministry of Government Services will be in attendance.

Tender documents may be obtained from the representative on this date or from: —Ministry of Government Services Public Tenders Office Room M1-43A, Macdonald Block Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1N3 Telephone (416) 965-1152

Sealed tenders will be received until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, 1978, at which time they will be opened in public. Tender closing in Toronto. Please quote File No. M670-491.

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