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U.S. - Canada Air Agreement: The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Claxton, on June 11 made the following statement:

A paragraph in the column "On and off the record" in the MONTREAL GAZETTE of Saturday, June 11, contains the suggestion that in connection with the recent Civil Aviation Agreement between Canada and the United States, the United States Government secured from the Canadian Government a supplementary secret agreement to the effect that the United States would "take over the Canadian aviation picture in its entirety" in the event of war.

This is completely false. No such agreement has been made between Canada and the United States and the full details of all agreements reached in connection with the recent civil aviation discussions have been made public in the text of the Bilateral Agreement and the accompanying Exchange of Notes regarding civil use of U.S. Military bases in Newfoundland.

Astronomical Society: The 81st semi-annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society will be held in Ottawa from Sunday through Thursday, June 19-23, it was announced on June 11 by the Minister of Mines and Resources, Mr. Gibson. The Society met previously at Ottawa in 1911 and 1929. The only other Canadian meeting was held at Toronto in 1935.

More than 100 Society members from astronomical centres in the United States and Canada will attend the meeting, which is being held in Ottawa at the invitation of Dr. C.S. Beals, Dominion Astronomer. United States members will come from points as distant as Pasadena, California. In addition to members of the staff of the Dominion Observatory, Ottawa, Canadians attending will include Dr. J.A. Pearce, Dominion Astrophysicist, and Dr. R.M. Petrie, Assistant Dominion Astrophysicist of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria, B.C., and representatives of the David Dunlap Observatory, University of Toronto.

Dr. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, of Yerkes Observatory, University of Chicago, at Williams Bay, Wisconsin, noted for his outstanding research work in astronomy and astrophysics, will deliver the Russell Lecture on Tuesday night at a public meeting to be held in the National Museum Building.

The Russell Lectureship was established in 1946 in honour of Professor Henry Norris Russell, of Princeton University. It is considered the most important astronomical lecture given on the North American Continent and the invitation to present it is the highest honour the American Astronomical Society can bestow.

I.L.O. Annual Conference: Full participation of the International Labour Organization in the program of technical assistance for economic development recently proposed by the United Nations and the specialized agencies has been urged by I.L.O.'s Governing Body in a session at Geneva.

The Governing Body approved a proposal of the British Government delegate that the I.L.O.'s annual general conference which opened June 8 at Geneva take the following action:

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