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Air Transport Discussions: The Department of External Affairs released on May 30 the text of a joint announcement by the Canadian and United States delegations to the recent meeting held in New York for the purpose of considering revision of the bilateral air transport agreement between the two countries.

"The Canadian and United States delegations announced that the discussions which had been under way during the past week on the revision of the bilateral air transport agreement between the two countries had been recessed. They stated that the discussions would be resumed at an early date."

Newfoundland Election: The Liberals' commanding lead in partial returns from Newfoundland's election Friday, gave them assurance they will form the first provincial Government in the Island under the leadership of Premier Joseph R. Smallwood, the Canadian Press reported from St. John's, Nfld. When the count halted for Sunday the result was: 11 Liberals, one Progressive Conservative and one Independent elected with four Progressive Conservatives and two Liberals leading in the six other seats heard from. There are 28 seats in the new Legislature.

International Congress: Canadian doctors will figure prominently among the more than 150 physicians from 25 foreign countries attending the seventh International Congress on Rheumatic Diseases, to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, May 30 to June 3, the headquarters of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society has announced. Along with more than 400 American doctors they will participate in the largest clinical and scientific meeting ever held for the study of these diseases. The world's leading authorities will report advances in the treatment of arthritis, rheumatism, rheumatic fever, gout and allied diseases. They will hear the first full report on the revolutionary use of Compound E by Dr. Philip S. Hench and his colleagues at the Mayo Clinic.

1949 Radar Experiments: With the opening of navigation on the Great Lakes and other Canadian inland waterways, the National Research Council's motor vessel "Radel" is launching her 1949 program of radar experiments, the Council has announced.

Blind navigation by means of the prototype model of a merchant marine radar, recently developed in the National Research Laboratories, again heads the list of projects.

A particularly valuable feature of the new radar is its short minimum detection range, which is less than 25 yards. This advantage was demonstrated on last year's trips, when the captain steered the "Radel" through the restricted waters of the Rideau, the St. Clair and the Detroit Rivers, from a radar control-switch below deck. This year, the "Radel" will be used for trials designed to reduce the minimum detection range even further by means of very fast sweeps; this would enable a vessel to enter narrow harbour gaps and to dock at crowded piers without needing visual aid.

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