

## OTTAWA GETS AIR MUSEUM

The historic years of Canadian aviation are spanned by representative exhibits and selected aircraft engines, propellers and parts in the National Aviation Museum at Ottawa, which was opened by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker on October 25.

More than two years of work and the unlimited support of Canadian aircraft manufacturers, Federal Government departments, airlines, the RCAF and aviation companies have provided a showplace for Canada's aviation relics in the Ottawa International Air Terminal.

On display are such interesting items from the early days of flight as the Curtiss engine of the "Silver Dart", the first aircraft flown by a Canadian in Canada, and the variable-pitch propellers built and designed by their Canadian inventor, Wallace R. Turnbull.

### A VARIETY OF EXHIBITS

From pioneer days the exhibits pass through the piston-engine era to the present, which is represented by such items as a jet engine, a cosmic-ray indicator, and a mock-up of the Canadian developed "Velvet Glove" air-to-air missile. The ground technical services that kept Canadian aircraft flying and the varied operational uses of aircraft in Canada are covered in separate exhibit sections, as are aircraft manufacturing and research and development.

Since the museum emphasizes the aircraft as a machine developed by man for his use, a number of displays can be set into operation by visitors to give fascinating demonstrations of the operation of an engine, the effect of altitude on the firing of spark plugs and the importance of streamlined surfaces.

A special area has been set aside as a children's museum to show basic principles and components used in aircraft. A toy landing field with a fleet of model aircraft is included so that young students of aviation may practise landings and take-offs.

### TRIUMPH OF LONG EFFORT

Completion of the National Aviation Museum marks the end of many years of effort by the National Research Council. In 1932, through the efforts of J.H. Parkin, now senior aeronautical engineer, NRC established an aeronautical museum in Ottawa, but it had to be closed when war came in 1939.

The idea was revived in the last decade by, first, the Massey Report recommending a national aviation museum as the first step in a Canadian science museum and, second, the formation of an NRC associate committee under General A.G.L. McNaughton to plan the steps toward the creation of such a museum. Further impetus was given by the national council established to plan the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of Canadian flight in 1959.

Their submissions to the Federal Government resulted in the museum being developed under the NRC Division of Mechanical Engineering. It will be administered by the National Historic Sites Division, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.

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## ILO DELEGATION

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Michael Starr, announced recently that Richard Thrasher, his Parliamentary Secretary, would head the Canadian delegation at the Study Conference on Labour-Management Relations convened by the International Labour Organization in Montevideo, Uruguay, from November 3 to 12.

Mr. Thrasher will be accompanied by Jacques Gagnon of the Aluminum Company of Canada, nominated by the Canadian Manufacturers Association to represent the employers of Canada, and by Honoré Lorrain of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, nominated by the Canadian Labour Congress to represent the workers of Canada. André Potvin of the Canadian Embassy at Montevideo will also be a member of the Canadian delegation.

The purpose of the Conference is to provide for the free exchange of views and experiences between those who are engaged in or concerned with labour-management relations. The main topics to be discussed are:

1. The part played by legislation and collective bargaining in determining working conditions and settling labour disputes.
2. Dismissal and lay-off procedures and job security.
3. Measures that can be taken under agreements to promote good relations between management and staff.
4. The contributions of universities and research and training institutions to the improvement of labour-management relations.

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## VISITORS THROUG SEAWAY

The St. Lawrence Seaway continues to attract visitors from all parts of the world. During his recent visit to Canada, the Prime Minister of Malaya, Tunku Abdul Rahman, toured the area by plane. On October 16, 80 naval cadets and seamen of the Argentine training-ship "Bahia Thetis" toured the Seaway by bus from Montreal to Cornwall. Accompanying them were cadets who had headed their classes in the Argentine army and air force as well as the naval academies of Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Colombia. The "Bahia Thetis" was on a goodwill training cruise to North American ports and was berthed at Montreal at the time.