

eastbound and 411 miles an hour westbound, while average flying times were four hours 40 minutes eastbound and five hours 27 minutes westbound.

The fastest flying time from Vancouver to Montreal was three hours 57 minutes, on April 25, with the aircraft overflying Toronto due to weather. The average speed was 600 miles an hour.

Flying times between Montreal and Toronto averaged 46 minutes eastbound and 55 minutes westbound, with the fastest time, 41 minutes, recorded on April 13.

The DC-8 averaged 552 miles an hour eastbound between Vancouver and Toronto and 456 miles an hour westbound over the 2,161 mile route. The fastest flight was three hours 32 minutes on April 5.

More than 10,200 passengers rode the giant 127-passenger jet on the four-flight legs operated during April.

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ing arrangements which would apply to both the importing and the exporting countries. In other words, a country which is exporting arms would list the exports with some international agency, and so would the receiving country. This work could perhaps be done by the international disarmament organization which has been proposed by the West, should there be agreement to set up such an organization...

"Just before we left Istanbul, and later in London, we had word of the incident involving the shooting down of a United States plane. The Canadian Government regards this as a very serious incident, and we think it points up very clearly the vital need for a disarmament agreement. If incidents of this kind are to keep occurring, one of these days such an incident might trigger a nuclear war. We think it shows very clearly the need for both sides, the West and the East, to reach an agreement on disarmament.

"Mind you, we believe in disarmament under control. An incident like this would not happen if there were a proper inspection system. From time to time the present Government has taken the stand that Canada would open her skies to inspection if the Soviet would do the same thing in an equivalent area on the other side of the Arctic....

"I am sure all Members of the House will agree with the position of the Government which is that Canada will do everything she possibly can to bring about disarmament under proper controls and with a system of inspection.

#### SUMMIT CONFERENCE

"I think too that this incident, in addition to showing the need for a disarmament agreement indicates the importance of the summit meeting which is to be held on May 16. There has been some suggestion in the press that perhaps now there would not be any summit meeting. I submit that it is all the more important now that this has happened that the summit meeting should go ahead. Mind you, it is not going to be any easier because of the increase in tension caused by this incident, but we hope there will be no suggestion whatever that the summit meeting should be cancelled. We think there is even a bigger job to be done by these four heads of government at the summit meeting which is due to commence just a week from today....

"Finally I should like to make it quite clear that the Canadian Government was not aware of these activities, and evidently the United States Government was not very much aware of them either. I have here a statement which was issued by the State Department of the United States on May 7, and it contains this sentence:

'As a result of the inquiry ordered by the President, it has been established that, in so far as the authorities in Washington are concerned, there was no authorization for any such flight as described by Mr. Khrushchov.'

"I am sure the House will join with me in expressing the hope that now that both sides have seen just how serious incidents of this kind can be and just how little it might take to bring a world disaster, the nations of both sides will get down to business and really try to work out an agreement on disarmament."

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#### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Federal Government employees in January numbered 335,199 and their earnings totalled \$112,496,000, according to advance figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Excluding staff employed outside Canada by agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies, the month's total was 326,257 employees, against 330,374 in the corresponding month of 1959 and earnings were \$108,069,000, against \$105,984,000.

Employees in departmental branches, services and corporations numbered 194,665 in January, compared to 198,166 a year earlier, and had earning of \$60,582,000, compared to \$60,246,000. Employees in agency and proprietary corporations and other agencies (excluding staff located outside Canada) numbered 131,592 during the month, against 132,208, with earnings of \$47,487,000 against \$45,738,000.