

HERE AND THERE

Air Minister, said that Mr. McVey would shortly be visiting overseas countries.

Pilot's Promotion

HERBERT W. SEAGRIM, formerly chief pilot, Western Division, has been appointed assistant superintendent of flight operations, Trans-Canada Airlines, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

Seagrim was born in Winnipeg in 1912 and began flying at the age of eighteen. He had a great deal of experience as a bush pilot in the Canadian North Country, as a barnstormer and as a test pilot, before joining T.C.A. in 1937. He also holds an air engineer's certificate.

A New Heinkel

A TWIN-ENGINED Heinkel night-fighter, the He 219, is reported to be the latest attempt to cope with the "heavies" of Bomber Command. This aircraft, it seems, was originally intended to fulfil the duties of dive bomber, or attack bomber, but the Luftwaffe is now much more concerned with defence.

Pacific Pacemaker

A TRANSPORT Liberator has set up a new speed record between San Francisco and Honolulu, says Reuter, by flying the 2,100 miles of intervening Pacific Ocean in 9 hr. 27 min. This represents an approximate speed of 328 m.p.h., which suggests a really benevolent tail-wind.

Alaskan Alternative

A NEW air route to Alaska from Canada is now being surveyed by the R.C.A.F., Ottawa announces. It will be north and east of the present route from

Edmonton to Whitehorse, used mainly for military aircraft by Canada and the United States.

The new route will use the Mackenzie River airway route of commercial operators, turn east at McPherson, north of the Arctic Circle, and follow one branch of the Porcupine River to Fort Yukon, Alaska.

Transit Gloria

THE arrival in Lisbon of the B.O.A.C. clipper from Foynes on Tuesday, March 14th, is held in support of the view that the Eire travel ban will not affect the service between Lisbon and Great Britain, despite the fact that Foynes is an intermediate stage.

Passengers on the route are granted only Irish transit visas, and although occasionally they are required to wait a day or two in hotels appointed by B.O.A.C., travellers are barred from staying in Eire on their own.

Fewer Schools, Same Output

THE Canadian Air Minister, Mr. Charles Power, said recently in Ottawa that twenty-eight Air Training Schools would be closed down before the end of the year, but the production of air-crews during the next year will not suffer due to the closings.

Naval Buffalo Bill

IT has been disclosed in Washington that the U.S. Navy has developed a new scout plane which Congressman Maas, Chairman of the Naval Aviation Sub-Committee, claims will "revolutionise aerial reconnaissance from battleships and cruisers."

At the same time the Congressman revealed that the Curtis Wright Aviation Corporation was scheduled for production of the new type, and added that the firm was developing a new dive and torpedo bomber. —Happy day!

MacDuffs All

THE leadership system which has been so successfully applied to air-gunners and air-bombers is now to be extended to flight-engineers.

The plan incorporates the specialised "post-graduate" training of selected men, who are then reposted to their squadron where they become leaders in their particular field, and, as such, responsible for the knowledge and efficiency of the other air-bombers, air-gunners or flight-engineers, as the case may be. It is reported that most squadrons now have their respective leaders.

U.K.—Canada in 3½ Hours

GROUP CAPT. D. F. MACINTYRE, head of Scottish Airways and o/c Prestwick Airport, speaking in Toronto, predicted that jet propulsion and other advances in aviation will make possible trips between Canada and Britain of only three and a half hours' duration.

He stated "we have proof that with jet propulsion and other means we will most definitely have 700 miles per hour in the sub-stratosphere within the next few years."

Group Capt. MacIntyre regretted, however, that everything possible was not being done to spur the development of future air travel, and hoped that "unnecessary conservatism, slowness to plan properly, and monopolistic selfishness would not retard aviation's future."

Unfortunately, this is only too likely to be a vain hope.

Chilean Jubilee

IT has just been learned that on December 12th last an interesting 25th anniversary was celebrated in Chile. The "Festivities" were in honour of an historic and aeronautically important flight made by the then Lt. Godoy, of the Chilean Military School of Aviation, who flew, on December 12th, 1918, from Santiago to Mendoza, involving flying over the Andes and the establishment of an altitude record for Chile.

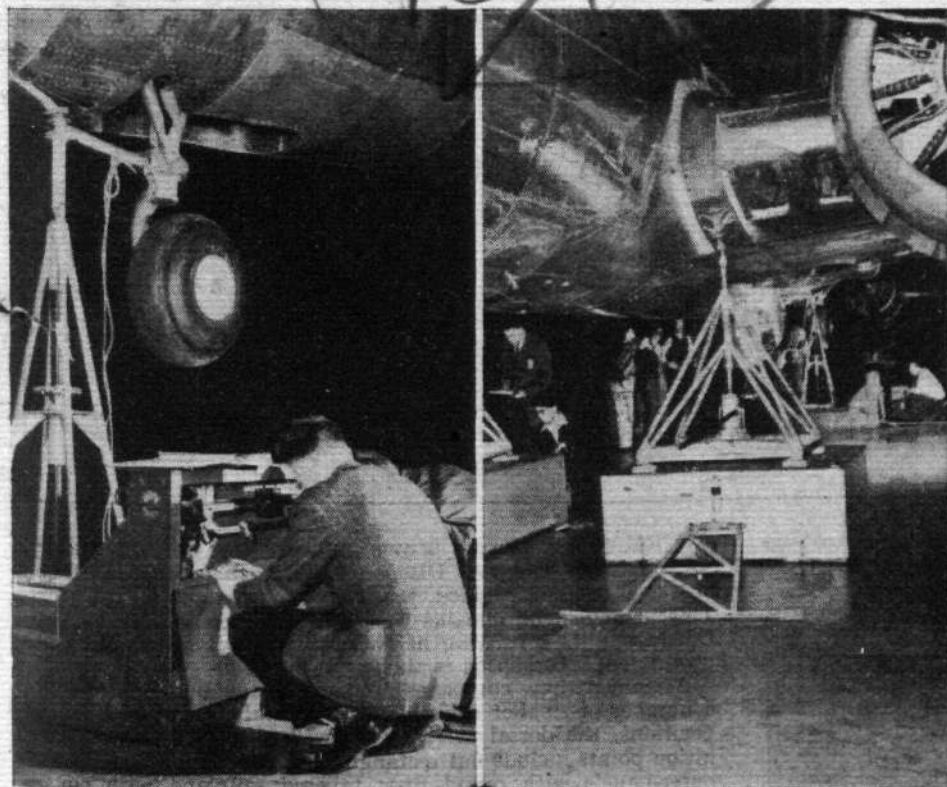
The aircraft used was a Bristol monoplane fighter designed by the late Frank Barnwell. The 12th of December is now named the "Day of the Chilean Air Force" and will be celebrated annually.

Capt. Godoy was present at the 25th anniversary and received gifts from the Bristol Aeroplane Company and the American Panagra Airline.

Canada Proposes

CANADIAN authorities have submitted to the State Department in Washington proposals for the formation of an International Air Transport Authority. The proposal includes an authority composed of an assembly, an international air transport board, and regional air transport councils, of which the assembly would consist of representatives of member nations who would elect a president as well as members of the board. American Aviation also reports that Canadians have, in addition, presented detailed proposals for the regulation of all phases of air transport.

It is not made clear who the Canadian authorities are, nor how far the scope of the proposals extend, but it seems unlikely that the Government of Canada would take a lengthy step in matters of world air transport without prior consultation with the Home Government.



BUT NOT FOUND WANTING: Weighing a Flying Fortress for centre of gravity limit check. The system used is the orthodox one employing three scales at pre-determined stations to provide constant lever moments.