A memorial lecture was held at the University of Cambridge in honor of Dr. Plesman, who was a significant figure in the formation of K.L.M. Royal Dutch Airlines. The lecture was given by Dr. H. van der Leeuw, president of the Technological University, who spoke about the development of aviation and the role of Dr. Plesman in it. The lecture series was sponsored by the International Air Transport Association, whose director-general, Sir William Hildred, B.E., prefaced the lecture.

Sir William said that it had been remarked that whilst there were often too many people in the aviation profession in the latter part of his life, there were not more than fifty thousand who really ran it. It would probably remain true that the world would continue to be run by a handful of creative thinkers and the rest would be left to carry out orders. The interest in aviation had been sea-minded, and the interest it aroused helped to facilitate the country to be as thoroughly air-minded as over the centuries it had been.

Dr. van der Leeuw then asked Sir William Hildred to introduce the lecture series.

Some 240 delegates and observers attended (the latter including representatives of U.S.A., the Netherlands, France, Belgium and Eire) from Government survey and technical establishments and from instrument manufacturers. An exhibition of survey equipment included photographic and photogrammetric instruments used in air survey.

The principal business of the Conference entailed the discussion of the many topics that Dr. Plesman had foreseen and worked for. It was a testament to his vision and foresight that the conference was able to cover a wide range of subjects in the fields of land, air and sea surveying.

The proceedings opened with an address of welcome by Dr. P. B. E. Douglas, B.E., University College, London. The Williamson Plotter Type Air Navigation, by Mr. C. Powell, Decca Navigator Co., Ltd.

Modern Survey Methods as Adapted to Canadian Conditions, by Maj. I. E. Sleep, R.E., No. 1 Survey Production Centre, R.E.


Radio Aids to Surveying, by Mr. C. Powell, Decca Navigator Co., Ltd.

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The Use of Photographic Machines for 1/150 Air Survey, by Maj. D. V. Hutchinson, M.B.E.

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Aerial Photography in Nigeria, by Mr. W. P. Smith, Air Navigation Officer, Aerological Survey and Technical Surveys, Ottawa, Canada.

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