

Canadian Venture In Aviation Moves Near Successful Close

MONTREAL (CP) — A great Canadian venture in aviation has moved toward a close with a successful test flight of the last Norseman aircraft to roll off the assembly line.

With model number 18, the Noorduyn Norseman Aircraft Company ended 25 years' production of the sturdy, single-engine plane that helped open the Canadian North and train allied pilots for combat in the Second World War.

An estimated 500 to 600 are still in service throughout the world. But with production halted the tough, little veteran high-winger is marked for obsolescence.

Earl (Chick) Latremoulin, company manager, said the line was discontinued because the company's production licence from the transport department expired.

STAYING BUSINESS
"But we're not going out of business," he said. "We'll still have lots to do making overhauls and repairs."

Phil Lariviere, salvage expert who bought the first Norseman in 1934 as a partner in Dominion Airways Airlines, put model 18 through the test paces Thursday at Montreal airport.

On hand to mark the occasion were Leigh Capreol, the test pilot for the initial flight of the first model, and Tim Sim, Lariviere's associate in the airline that was later bought by Canadian Pacific Airlines.

Capreol now is manager of Montreal airport and Sim is a member of the sales department of the aircraft manufacturing firm of Canadair Limited.

FOR SUPPLY RUN
The Chicoutimi, Que., contracting firm of J. R. Theberge Limited

...the Norseman after the test flight. The company bought the aircraft to fly supplies to construction sites in northern Quebec.

It was in this field that the Norseman first gained recognition. Bush pilots were quick to realize the plane's sturdy construction and handling advantages for tough flying in remote northern areas.

But it was the outbreak of hostilities in 1939 that sparked the Norseman's popularity. The RCAF placed orders for them to use as trainers and in communications work and when the United States joined the war in 1941, the USAF followed suit, becoming the company's biggest customer.

At the height of the war, the company's factory at Montreal airport employed 11,000. Now only a fraction remains.

1200 Lawyers Plan Meeting

By ROBERT RICE
Canadian Press Staff Writer
MONTREAL (CP) — That sprawling, sprawling infant of the marine world—the St. Lawrence Seaway—goes into its second year with healthy hopes of a fast, full flow of cargoes to and from North America's great landlocked lakes.

Nursed, cursed and coddled, the young seaway survived the trying tests of its infant months. It had a tricky birth—a bit overdue—and there were growing pains that worried Canada and the United States, parents of the \$475,000,000 baby.

Yet the seaway grew—not as fast as hoped—but at an eager rate that promised well for future years.

Total traffic fell short of the

...\$2,000,000 tonnage expected by seaway officials for the initial year. Final figures for the year will not be available until mid-January but anticlimactic estimates indicate the first year's tonnage will amount to 20,000,000 tons.

This made some observers question the reality of the 1959 estimate of 20,000,000 tons.

Seaway officials, however, have taken a much longer view of the traffic potential. They've got 50 years—right to 2008—to get enough cargo through the water escalator linking the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean to earn \$1,253,000,000 to cover operation and maintenance costs and pay off their debt and interest in the half-century span.

By 1963, seaway economists will have a good idea of the impact of the toll structure and how it matches their estimates. If they are wide of the mark, they can recommend changes to the Canadian and United States governments.

The seaway starts in Montreal. Seven mammoth locks, two of them in United States waters, lift and lower ships past a series of rapids in the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Lake Ontario. This 185-mile section was built in five years, along with a \$600,000,000 power development near Cornwall, Ont.

30-YEAR-OLD CANAL
The Welland Canal, finished 30 years ago but deepened by Canada to the seaway's 27-foot-depth, is also part of the seaway route. It bypasses Niagara Falls between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

After some initial traffic tie-ups, the new seaway fared well, but the Welland Canal often proved a bottleneck, with some ships delayed more than 72 hours waiting to sail through it.

As a result, Canada decided to lengthen some of the mooring walls in the canal in the hope of speeding up movements. This work is being done this winter in time for the start of next year's shipping season, expected somewhere around April 1.

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Republicans Are Confident Of Stretching Win Streak

By HAROLD MORRISON
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WASHINGTON (CP)—The Republicans, exuding power at the top, are confident of stretching their winning streak to a third straight term in the White House in the 1960 U.S. presidential elec-

tions. Their fate in the new Congress is more in doubt.

And despite the threat of a jut-jawed east coast millionaire, the man most favored to bat the essential home run for the party next Nov. 3 is a former small-town lawyer from California who's been keeping a close and longing eye on the White House for the last seven years.

Richard M. Nixon, nimble-footed vice-president with a boyish grin, seems to hold the inside track as the race for the party presidential nomination begins in earnest.

Within the party he faces serious competition from only one quarter—Nelson A. Rockefeller, determined and well-heeled New York governor who flashed to prominence by toppling Averell M. Harriman, distinguished Democrat, in the governorship race of 1958.

NEW IN FIELD
Grandson of an oil magnate and keen student of foreign affairs, Rockefeller is believed to have his eye on the presidency. He's a tough, strong-willed campaigner but he's relatively new in the field and it is a question of how he would fare in the raw open winds of national politics.

His friends say he'll fight Nixon, though Rockefeller has yet to declare himself officially. Initial forays may have made him a bit hesitant, for the party hierarchy has shown strong support for the vice-president.

Nixon, who battered his way to national prominence by banging away at Communists in his years as congressman and senator is 46, with 14 years of national politics under his belt—half of them as vice-president. He has a knack of saying the right thing at the right time and steering clear of controversy which would antagonize any major bloc of voters.

Rockefeller, on the other hand, has a background of philanthropy and study though he has acted in a foreign affairs advisory

role both for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Eisenhower. His specialty is Latin-American affairs.

BOOSTED TAXES
The sandy-haired, 51-year-old governor with the wide grin may have earned the displeasure of some supporters for one of his first steps on taking office was to boost New York state taxes. As one complainant reported: "I elected this millionaire and the first thing he does is put his hand in my pocket."

Yet Rockefeller has shown by his action bold capability of taking decisive steps even though they might be politically unpopular. Some voters have suggested this is the kind of personality the White House needs.

The final test comes July 25 next when some 1,350 voting delegates and hundreds of non-voting associates gather in a Chicago amphitheatre to nominate the Republican candidate for the 1960 contest.

President Eisenhower made his debut there back in 1952 when he later went on to smash 20 years

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, SUMMERSIDE

of Democratic reign over the presidency.

Now Eisenhower steps down under a constitutional amendment that places a two-term limit on sitting presidents. The new Republican leader will have no easy job. The Eisenhower government, though in the midst of a general wave of prosperity, faces problems at home and abroad.

Quick to defend his chief and quick to act as his errand boy, Nixon has become widely identified as an Eisenhower man. His main job will be to defend government policies, but his real skill lies in offensive political warfare.

Nixon also gained prominence when he was spat upon by anti-American demonstrators in Venezuela during one of his international trips for the president and when he was publicly lectured by Soviet Premier Khrushchev during the famous "kitchen debate" last August. On both occasions Nixon came home to tremendous cheers from Americans.

For the new Republican leader there's the problem of criticism for falling farm prices, the lack of tax cuts, the rise of interest rates, budget deficits and the U.S. failure to catch up with the Russians in space ventures.

Abroad are delicate negotiations between East and West—the tender negotiations of keeping the Russians content without giving any Western diplomatic ground, all aimed at the prevention of nuclear war.

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