

Ottawa To Boost Initial Aid To Airport Projects

QUEBEC (CP) — The federal government has decided to boost sharply its initial contributions towards airport construction across Canada, Transport Minister Hees announced Wednesday night.

In some cases, such as the building of an airstrip for resources development of major interest, Mr. Hees told the annual meeting of the Air Industries and Transport Association of Canada.

But in most cases, initial federal contributions on a cost-sharing basis would be boosted to maximums of \$50,000 and \$100,000 from the present \$25,000 for individual airstrips.

The only major change in qualifications for these grants is that local authorities concerned buy the airport land and turn over the title to the federal government "to protect the federal interest in this regard."

LEASED TO MUNICIPALITY

"If it is found desirable to have the airport municipally-operated, we will be prepared to lease such land back to the municipality for a nominal sum," Mr. Hees said.

His statements were included in the text of his address issued to the press before delivery.

On airstrips developed in connection with a natural resources project of major significance in Canada, the government would take full responsibility for construction.

"Probably, however, in most cases we would expect the local authority, such as the private corporation concerned or the province or a municipality to share with us in the cost of construction."

Deadly Fighter Can Fly Twice As Fast As Speed Of Sound

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON (AP) — The F-104 Starfighter — able to fly twice as fast as sound and to climb straight up at the same speed—is one of the deadliest weapons in the American arsenal.

It's armed with two Sidewinder missiles that sniff out and track down an enemy plane by following heat rays from the hostile plane's engine.

It is essentially an interceptor, designed, says the air force in its technical jargon, as an "air superiority fighter." It can fly higher (almost 100,000 feet in a test) and faster (1,404.19 miles an hour) than any present bomber or operational fighter.

Even in level flight it could keep pace with the velocity of a shell fired from a 16-inch gun.

IS ADAPTABLE

The F-104 is, in itself, a missile — but carries a man who seems to go along to give the "missile" some advice.

Although classified now as a fighter, officials of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, its maker, say the F-104 could be adapted to various other uses, including delivery of atomic bombs by mounting them externally. It also could be fitted for ground strafing attack.

The supersonic speed and knife-thin wings of the Starfighter incidentally settled a problem existing for many other airplanes — icing on wings. The wings are so thin that an ice load would have little chance to build up on the leading edge. And the heat produced by air friction at ultrasonic speed warms the wings up to the point where ice doesn't form.

A 15,000-pound thrust General Electric J-79 jet engine powers the F-104. To this is added, for

Girl Is Sought After Shooting

MONTREAL (CP) — Provincial police said Wednesday they have issued a warrant for the arrest of attractive 18-year-old Lucienne Menard, wanted in connection with a weekend shooting and wounding incident which they say resulted from a quarrel between teen-aged lovers.

Police said the girl is wanted on an attempted murder charge. The shooting occurred at Granby.

speed bursts, the extra thrust of an after-burner, combustion induced in the tail pipe.

The Starfighter seems to have little visible means of support. Its wings are the thinnest of any American combat plane. Each wing extends out only seven feet, six inches from the fuselage. The leading edges of the wings are so sharp that covers are placed on them when ground crews handle the plane, to prevent cut hands.

Nanaimo Marks Guy Fawkes Day

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Believed alone among the cities of Canada, Nanaimo, on the east coast of Vancouver Island, preserves the Guy Fawkes Day tradition. It was brought to the city from Britain by the city's first settlers more than 100 years ago.

Each Nov. 5, at eventide scores of bonfires spring up. An unidentified effigy hangs over some of the fires.

Many of those who plan the fires and enjoy the hot dogs and fireworks that go with them are unaware of the origin of the custom. It is known now as Nanaimo Night. Children spend weeks preparing for it, gathering fuel for monster blazes.

The observance recalls the discovery Nov. 5 of Guy Fawkes standing with lighted torch beside barrels of gunpowder in the cellars of the House of Lords in London, preparing to set off an explosion that would have eliminated King James I and both Houses of Parliament.

The Guy Fawkes Day tradition was introduced to Nanaimo in 1851 by passengers of the Brig Harpooner—British miners who came here to work coal deposits. The mines have since closed.

JUVENILES WARNED

HALIFAX (CP) — City police let two unidentified juveniles off with warnings Tuesday after they were caught trying to collect money pretending it was for families of victims of the Springhill mine disaster. A police spokesman said the boys apparently did it as a prank.

No Romo In The Woods Any More

PEMBROKE, Ont. (CP) — Optometrist Frank Lynch said Wednesday he's giving up hunting because he has been shot at four times in the last three years and "there's no room in the woods for anything but damned fools any more."

"I'm selling my gun and equipment and giving away my licence," he said, recounting the latest near miss Tuesday night.

Mr. Lynch, an avid deer hunter, said he was walking down a bush trail when a .22-calibre bullet whizzed past. He blamed somebody shooting at partridge.

Oil Refinery Worker Killed

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — John Hughes, 59, was killed Wednesday at an oil refinery building site in East Saint John. The accident occurred inside a storage tank into which steel columns were being lowered.

Officials believe a tractor controlling the steel tilted in soft ground, causing one of the columns to strike the victim, a veteran employee of the Sparling Tank Manufacturing Company.

He is survived by his wife in Quebec City, six daughters and four sons. Burial will be made in Quebec City.

SEEK TAXING RIGHT

CHICOUTIMI, Que. (CP) — Chicoutimi is to ask Quebec legislature for authority to levy a two-per-cent tax on sales of real estate within the city's limits. No similar tax now exists in Quebec province.

Nickel Company Earnings Down

TORONTO (CP) — A sharp drop in sales was mainly responsible for lower earnings in the first nine months of 1955, says the interim report of International Nickel Company of Canada Limited.

Net earnings for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 1955, were \$30,321,000 (U.S.), or \$2.07 a share, compared with \$66,017,000 (U.S.), or \$4.32 a share, in the corresponding period a year ago.

The report says that nickel deliveries were down 33 per cent in the first nine months this year and that copper prices were down substantially, thus reducing sales more than \$30,000,000 to \$67,287,000 from \$30,333,000.

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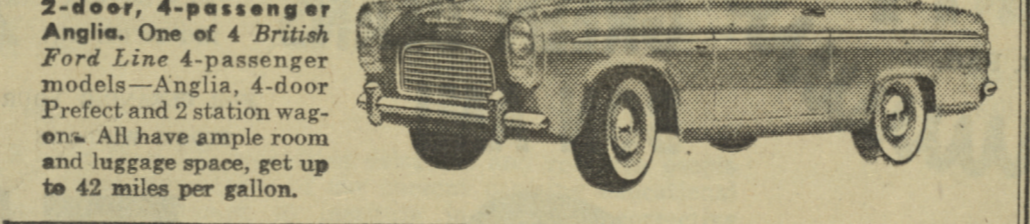
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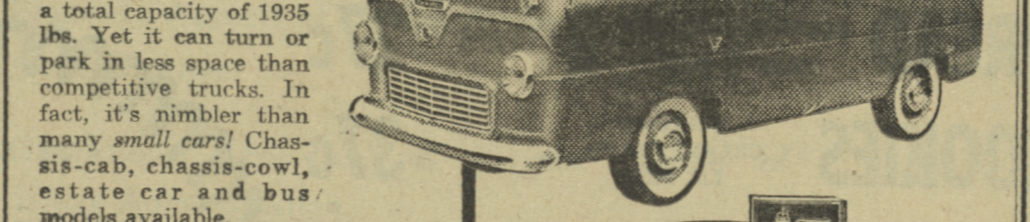
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