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SELECTED FOR MOON TRIP

Selection of six scientist-astronauts was announced Monday at Houston, Texas by the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration. They are: from left, top Dr. Joseph P. Kerwin, 28 and Dr. Owen K. Garriott, 34; centre, Dr. Edward G. Gibson, 28, and Dr. Harrison Schmitt, 29; bottom, Dr. Frank Curtis Michel, 31, and Dr. Duane E. Graveline, 34. They have been picked to land on the moon in the Apollo program and will begin their preparations next month. All are married except Dr. Schmitt. (AP Wirephoto)

Aviation Pioneer Has Wish To Duplicate Early Flight

HALIFAX (CP) — When the Silver Dart made Canada's first powered flight at Baddeck, N.S. in 1909, Robert McCowan of Cape Breton was a 14-year-old schoolboy in Sydney.

He built his first airplane the following year and, despite money worries and a disapproving father, completed four machines in 1910 and 1911.

Now 70 years old, after a lifetime in aviation, Mr. McCowan has one more wish—"my last ambition in life"—to rebuild one of his early models and duplicate his first long flight, of seven miles. Though he says the timing is purely coincidental, he thinks this will be done in 1967.

Mr. McCowan's early aircraft were all gliders, since in his youth he was unable to build the four-cylinder fuel-injection engine he designed himself. He now is planning to rebuild two of the gliders, this time with motors.

One of them gave him a seven-mile flight, towed across the ice of Sydney harbor in winter-time by an automobile. The other, a seaplane, was towed into the air by a motorboat.

Poor eyesight held Mr. McCowan back from wartime aviation and early bush flying. However, after selling cars for some years in Cape Breton, he formed a fleet of five Fokker seaplanes and took part in the Hudson Bay expedition of 1929-30 and a founded Maritime Newfoundland Airways.

After the Second World War his company changed its name to Aero-Industry, its present styling, and ferried surplus Anson aircraft to Mexico. Mr. McCowan has bases in Toronto, New York and Mexico, though the business now is confined to dealing in aero engines and parts.

Mr. McCowan's early aircraft were based directly on the observation of birds, particularly the construction of sea gull wings, and he thinks one of them may have been the first in the world to use flaps for landing and take-off.

So if a strange gull-like biplane should be seen at Halifax International Airport in a couple of years' time, slowly circling round for the seven-mile distance, it will be Mr. McCowan's dream, come full circle.

Jodoin Remarks On Gov't Plans To Import Labor

OTTAWA (CP) — President Claude Jodoin of the Canadian Labor Congress said Monday he hopes the government will give Canadians priority in any job opportunities "before it seeks to raid European labor markets."

He was commenting on a statement by Immigration Minister Nicholson that Canada will launch a European recruiting drive for 150,000 skilled workers.

Mr. Jodoin said this "seems to indicate a failure to grasp the reason for labor shortages in certain industries."

Mr. Nicholson cites chemicals, pulp and paper and mining as industries which now are suffering from shortages. It is quite true that there is need for additional workers with specific skills in all these industries, but it is equally true that in none of them is there an adequate training program.

TRAINING PLANS FEW

"Taking Canada as a whole, management has been extremely hesitant to assume responsibilities with regard to training. This is particularly true in the pulp and paper industry where there are extremely few training programs despite the expansion which is taking place in the industry."

Mr. Jodoin said in his statement that the shortages in mining are caused by an exodus of Canadians from mining.

"This is attributed to low wages and poor conditions. The hostile attitude adopted by mine management towards workers who try to improve conditions through their unions is also an important factor."

The importance of equipping Canadians to fill such vacancies as exist is further emphasized by the fact that highly trained workers are in a number of cases being sought to perform operations which will eliminate the necessity for less highly trained people.

India Planning Third Atomic Power Station

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — The Indian government has approved establishment of the country's third atomic power station at Kalapakkam in Madras state, an official spokesman announced Monday.

The power station, to be built with Canadian assistance, will comprise two units of 200,000,000 watts each and cost more than \$125,000,000.

The Indian government has also approved building a second 200,000,000-watt unit at the Rajasthan power station now under construction, the spokesman said.

India is also receiving Canadian aid for the Rajasthan project.

The Kalapakkam station will be built from a design supplied by the Canadian atomic energy commission under a 1963 technical co-operation agreement between the two countries.

India's third power station is being set up at Tarapur in the northwest part of the country with U.S. assistance.

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