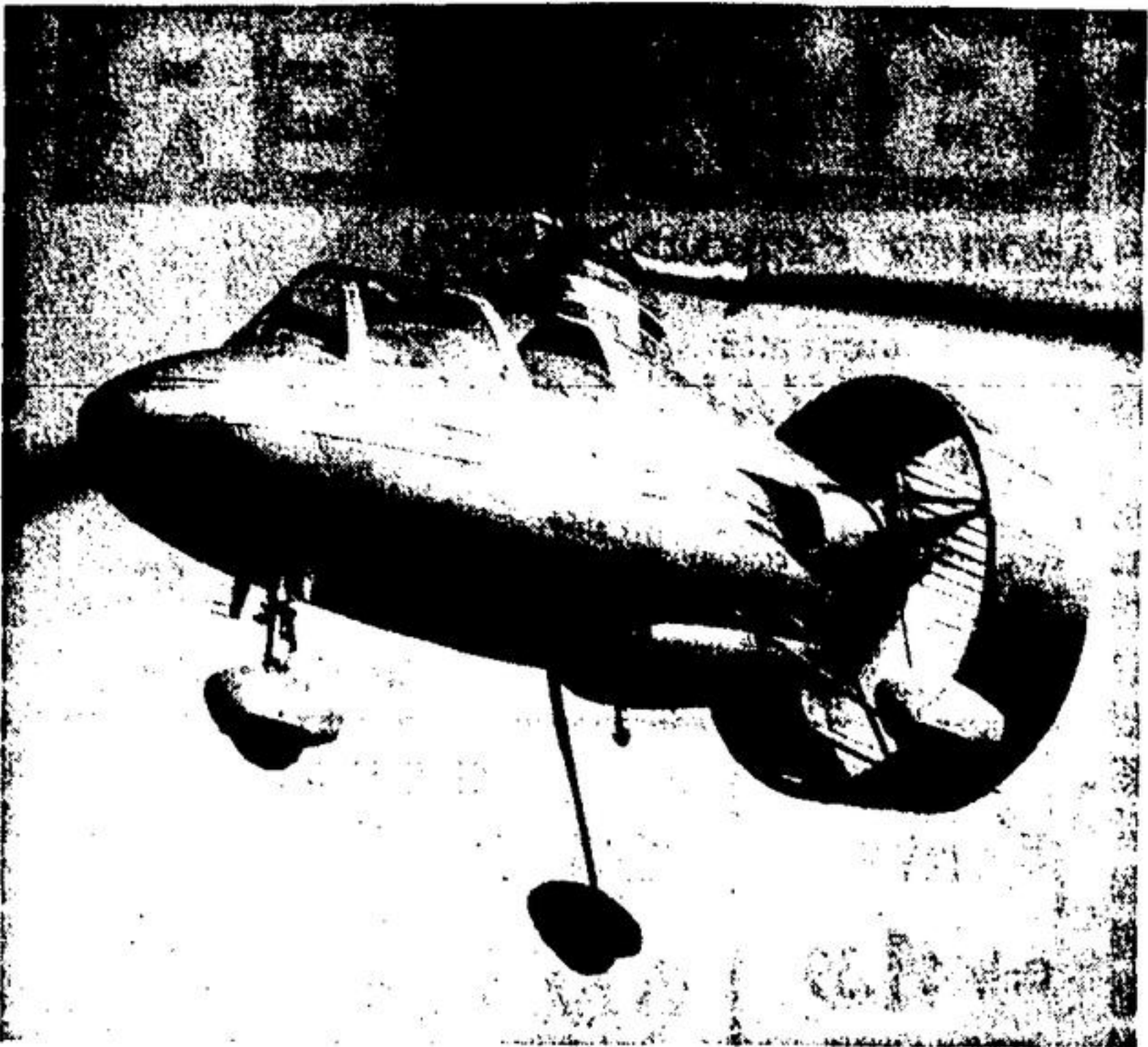


FIFTEEN MINUTE "HOP" MAKES HISTORY



Harold Koehler (left) who has made himself a part of the Avian 2-180. Avian Aircraft's experimental gyroplane, took the wingless gold bird for a 15-minute ride Friday afternoon and made aviation history. The Georgetown craft has been airborne for 5 times that long at a stretch, but the Friday hop differed from the hundreds of test runs in one big way. For the first time Koehler set the Avian 2-180 down somewhere other than the Waterloo-Wellington Airport where the plane has been undergoing rigorous flight testing. This time the landing area was home. Avian Aircraft's back yard. A "reception committee" of the plane's builders, press people and spectators attracted by the activity outside the Armstrong Ave. plant witnessed the speck on the western horizon grow until it resembled a flying saucer. circling the plain vicinity until company men in a car enroute from Kitchener, arrived on the scene, and then touched down delicately onto muddy terra-cotta firm. The aircraft returned to the plant for inspection and a slight modification.



ABOVE THE AVION churns the air over Armstrong Ave., before completing the history-making 30 mile flight from Waterloo-Wellington Airport to Georgetown. Below, Avian men tow the "third bird" out of the mire onto the asphalt behind the factory.



— Peter Jones Photo

Harry Hancock Was Farmer at Caledon

A district resident since 1907, Harry Hancock died in Guelph General Hospital on February 23rd. Born on September 29th, 1893, in Somersetshire, England, he came to Canada in 1907 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Hancock, and first lived in the Georgetown district. In 1924, he married Edith Hamilton and moved to the Caledon West town where he had a residence. He was a member of First Union Church of Christ. He leaves his wife and one brother, Ambrose, of R.R. 4, Georgetown. The funeral service will be held at the Rumley, Shrewsbury, Funeral Home, Action on February 26 where the Rev. Harold Hamilton conducted the service. Interment was in Everthorpe Cemetery. Six nephews, Arthur, William, William, Edward, Robert, Harold, and Charles Hancock, Floral tributes were carried by Delbert, Linstead, Jack Howard and Albert Smith.

Some men know where they will spend their holidays next year. The way of the others haven't yet decided. — Exchange

FIRST OF A SERIES

Letters From a "Trouble Spot"

Letters from a Georgetown soldier in Viet Nam

When he received a posting to the Far East a member of the Canadian Military U.N. delegation, Albert Carter began putting his observations on paper and sending them home to the officers and members of the Loyal Orange Lodge 245 of which he is a member. The lodge found the accounts so absorbing that they submitted them to the Herald, and part of the first letter appears below as article No. 1 of a new series.

To the Officers and Members of L.O.L. 245

Hanoi, North Viet Nam, September 6, 1962

It was after dark on Thursday, July 26 when the aircraft approached Hong Kong. There were millions of lights scattered in two main blocks, Victoria on the island of Hong Kong and Kowloon on the mainland part of the Colony. Our plane circled over the colony, skimmed the top of a mountain, landed on the runway and seemed to roll out to sea along the runway. We stopped before we went off the end of the landing strip, and taxied back to the terminal.

At the Miramar Hotel I found out that the rooms were \$50 a night. Good job the price was in Hong Kong dollars, and not Canadian. It was blamed hot and I was tired, having not had much sleep since I left the bed on the train in the middle of the Rocky Mountains. I thought that I would take a shower, but by the time I got around to it, it was 10:05. It was then I discovered that the water was on from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. only and with hot water from 7 to 7:45 p.m. only. One thing that was common in Hong Kong and is the rule throughout the orient is the "two waters" system. The tap water is used for washing and shaving only. Water for drinking and brushing teeth is placed in thermos bottles in the rooms.

On Friday morning I got up and decided to take a trip over to the island. The main streets, the first three or four, on the island, run parallel to the coast. Here are the law courts, government buildings, large banks and financial concerns. Behind these are narrow streets containing Chinese businesses. Particularly memorable was the street on which all the goldsmiths and jewellers were located. They do not use fancy electronic devices for protection, instead, all about the street one can see bearded Sikhs in turbans sitting on stools with pumpaction shotguns over their knees. Blunt but effective.

Running in from the waterfront and crossing these streets are a lot of very narrow alleys, some of them actually glorified stairways where they start to climb the mountain. In these alleys are crammed all sorts of weird and wonderful stalls, booths and piles of stuff. It looks like you could find anything in the world that you would want, particularly memorable was the street of the fishmongers. When? What a stench it was here that I saw an elderly gentleman sitting drooling at a couple of cages. In one was a

snake, reddish brown in colour and with dark brown blotches. In the other, a lizard covered with sort of a blue-green fuzz. I had intended going for a Chinese meal in one of the floating restaurants, but this sort of look my appetite away, so I went back over to the Kowloon side to have some nice, safe, roast beef.

Kowloon is a booming city. The streets are a bit wider here than on the island, although the side ones are just as crowded with booths and stalls. It seems that buildings are going up and coming down all over the place.

Traffic travels on the left when the streets are wide enough to have two sides, and one sees just about every type of transportation there is. Besides bicycles, rickshaws, the odd animal transport and a few motorcycles, there are cars of every shape, size and nationality from Rolls Royces to Fiats, and the trucks run in the same number of types, classes and ages.

Most of the people are, of course, Chinese, but there are also British, Portuguese, various other assorted Europeans, Japs, Indians, (including Sikhs and Gurkhas) and some really odd-looking mixtures. Some of the elderly people wear the Chinese pajamas, and the younger girls wear the tight, slit skirts of China, but you can find just about every type of clothing there is, from modern European, through Salvation Army donation down to Douk hobor Specials on the youngest children.

On Saturday morning I was awakened by bugles from the British garrison in their camp half a block away, and got ready to leave. I went out to the airport and caught the plane for Saigon. Fortunately it was an uneventful trip, and about noon our aircraft landed safely at the bustling Saigon airport.

(continued next week)

Explains P-C Issues To Dutch Canadians

Members of the Christian Reformed Church in Georgetown met on their church on Main Street North, on Wednesday, March 13, at 8 p.m., with a table was set on which all the goldsmiths and jewellers were located. They do not use fancy electronic devices for protection, instead, all about the street one can see bearded Sikhs in turbans sitting on stools with pumpaction shotguns over their knees. Blunt but effective.

A few weeks ago, Conservative officials approached members of the Church to find out if they would be interested in learning about the traditions and stands of the Conservative Party in Canada. The members, most of them Canadians of Dutch origin, indicated great interest in learning about Canadian politics and the platform of the various parties in the forthcoming Federal election.

As long as I have fat turtlesman sitting drooling at a days a fig for your lettuce, my friend. — Martial.

WHO WAS THAT LADY?

Trying to locate the right bathroom in an unfamiliar building isn't a unique problem, but when one lady spectator at Rhapsody On Ice in the memorial arena Saturday night went seeking facilities the result was not more than a little embarrassing. To avoid asking directions, the young mother, who snuggled mercifully go nameless, fell in behind another woman wending her way through the intermission crowd presumably with the same destination. A right turn and through an unmarked door and she was there — dead center in the MEN'S WASH-ROOM.

The lady she had followed was Andrew Dremler, a skating professional who was wearing women's clothes for a comedy act in the second half of the show.

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