

EAST-WEST MERCURY NON-STOP SERVICE CEREMONIES



TEENAGE DAUGHTERS of three Vancouver newspapermen accompanied their dads on the first non-stop Mercury flight from Vancouver to Toronto. Posing beneath the nose of a Super Constellation are: Captain Al Dodd, Shannon Dunford, Patricia Anderson, Mary Mather and Stewardess Muriel Ryan.



INAUGURAL CEREMONIES at Toronto were under the direction of Regional PRO Denis F. Barclay. Shown on the loading ramp are Regional Operations Manager, Frank I. Young and Acting Mayor of Toronto, Mrs. Jean Newman. Frank Young was the co-pilot of the first trans-continental flight on April 1, 1939.



WINNER OF A BULOVA WATCH for estimating within two minutes the exact time of the flight from Toronto to Vancouver was Judy Taylor of Ottawa. She is a graduate of McGill University in Physiotherapy. Captain Roy Cartwright makes the presentation while Jack Robinson, DSM of Vancouver, looks on.



MAYOR FRED HUME of Vancouver was presented with a Bulova watch to commemorate the first non-stop Mercury flight from Toronto to Vancouver. The presentation was made at the Mayor's office on behalf of the watchmakers, by Jack Robinson, DSM, Vancouver.



COUNCILLOR HALFORD WILSON, Chairman of Vancouver's Airport Board, represented the City of Vancouver at ceremonies prior to take-off of the first non-stop flight from the Pacific Coast. Besides autographing the plane, he sent special greetings to Toronto's Mayor. Captain Al Dodd looks on.



RED CARPET TREATMENT was given passengers at Toronto as they boarded for Vancouver. They were piped aboard by the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band and flanked by TCA stewardesses holding flags from the United States, France and Canada. A little more than six hours later the plane landed in Vancouver.