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REVUE AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE

The purpose of *Revue Aéronautique Internationale** is explained in the editor's preface. M. Roper states that international aeronautical organizations, conferences, congresses, commissions and committees, have become so numerous and hold so many meetings that it has become difficult, even for an official whose work is to follow aeronautical activities, as well as for a director of an operating company, a manufacturer, scholar, an engineer, a jurist or an aviation enthusiast to learn about the time and place of meetings and their respective programs. This is not to be wondered at, he continues, because air navigation, which is largely international, must have its problems treated internationally.

There is need for a publication, he believes, to deal with international phases of aeronautics to present facts, supplement press announcements, print decisions from sources both official and private, and provide against repetition of effort in research and reports. It is not contemplated to duplicate existing publications on aeronautics, nor to trespass upon national aeronautical territory, but rather to set forth impartially the activities of the various international aeronautical organizations and the international questions with which they are confronted.

The history of international discussions on aeronautics would be interesting to trace from the early international congresses beginning at Paris in 1889 at the time of balloon flights, but the editor of *Revue Aéronautique Internationale* found it necessary to leave the subject previous to the world war to works published in a number of countries, and he takes up the development of air traffic since 1914.

International aeronautical organizations are classified by M. Roper as follows:

I. Organizations solely for aeronautics:

Governmental

- International Commission for Air Navigation
- International Conferences of Private Air Law
- Spanish-American Conference of 1926

Official

- International Aeronautical Conferences
- Aeronautical Conference of the Mediterranean
- International Congresses

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Private

International Aeronautical Federation
 International Association of Air Traffic
 International Juridical Committee for Aviation

II. *Organizations partially for aeronautics:**Governmental*

League of Nations
 Pan American Union

Official

International Office of Public Hygiene
 International Radiotelegraphic Conferences
 International Meteorological Organization
 Air Postal Conferences
 International Hydrographic Bureau (Monaco)

Private

International Chamber of Commerce
 International Law Association
 International Standard Association
 International Commission on Illumination

The *Revue* for September, 1931, presents brief accounts of the first twelve of these international organizations and a calendar of international meetings. Problems of international statistics of air traffic are discussed in considerable detail, and tables are printed giving statistics of air traffic for the year 1926 for Belgium, France, Great Britain, Netherlands and Switzerland, and for the year 1927 for the same countries with the addition of Sweden.

The following Conventions are printed in full text (in French only):

International Air Convention of Paris of October 13, 1919.
 Conventions concerning Air Navigation concluded between States parties to the Convention of October 13, 1919, and non-contracting States.
 Pan American Convention on Commercial Aviation
 Convention for the Unification of certain Rules relative to International Air Transport (Warsaw, October 12, 1929).

In future issues of *Revue Aéronautique Internationale* M. Roper plans to describe the character and activities of other organizations and to give as complete a report as possible of international meetings and programs, as well as discussions of important questions in the field of international aeronautics.

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