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AERONAUTICAL RADIO CONFERENCE OPENS

The second session of the Aeronautical Radio Conference convened by the Union opened at the *Maison des Congrès*, Geneva, on Monday 14 March, for a period of eight weeks. So far more than 160 delegates from more than fifty ITU Member countries have registered.

The purpose of the conference is to draw up a new worldwide Plan for high-frequency communications for aircraft flying on regional, national and international civil air routes. The existing radio frequency allocations, for this purpose are contained in a Frequency Allotment Plan drawn up by the ITU's last Aeronautical Radio Conference which was held in Geneva in 1948 and 1949. The first session of the present conference met in Geneva in January and February 1964.

At the opening meeting on the Monday afternoon, the conference elected as Chairman Dr. Arthur L. Lebel, Head of the United States Delegation, who was Chairman of the last Aeronautical Conference and the first session of the present one. As Vice-Chairmen it chose Mr. Alexandre Jarov, Head of the USSR Delegation, and Mr. R. Monnat,



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who is Head of the Swiss Delegation.

In a statement to the conference, the Secretary-General, Dr. M. B. Sarwate,

said that it was most encouraging to note "the recent experiments carried out over the north Atlantic and the Pacific, using communication satellites of the synchronous type for aeronautical communication. These developments are bound to lead to further trials and thus open up a new era in the progress of aeronautical communication." Speaking of the purpose of the conference, he said, "Nothing can emphasize more strongly the importance of the task than the

recent tragic events which have resulted in the loss of so many lives in air disasters near and far away."



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Our photos: Above: General view of the opening meeting. — Opposite: From left to right: Mr. J. Rouvière, Director, CCITT; Mr. Mohamed Mill, Deputy Secretary-General, ITU; Dr. M. B. Sarwate, Secretary-General, ITU; Mr. A. Lebel, Chairman of the conference.

CEYLON MINISTER VISITS ITU HEADQUARTERS

The Minister of Public Works, Posts and Telecommunications of Ceylon, H. E. Montague Jayawickrema, paid an official visit to the headquarters of the Union on Monday, 7 March. The Minister was accompanied by Mr. R. C. S. Koelmeyer, Permanent Representative of Ceylon to the United Nations Office at Geneva, Mr. H. D. S. A.