

INTRODUCTION

The 1948 Biennial Inspection of the Ames Aeronautical Laboratory was held on July 13 and 14, 1948. The Inspection was conducted in two sections, one on the 13th and the other on the 14th, in order to accommodate more effectively the 886 guests. The program was identical for both days of the Inspection.

There were 460 guests on the 13th and 426 on the 14th, representing aircraft and associated manufacturers, the airlines, the United States Congress, various Government departments, the NACA, the military services, the press, educational institutions, professional societies, and local municipalities. Hotel accommodations were arranged for guests requesting them at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco or the Hotel Sainte Claire in San Jose. Special bus service was provided to the Ames Laboratory from these two points and from the San Francisco airport through the courtesy of the United States Navy. Other guests flew directly to Moffett Field or came by private automobile.

Registration began in the lobby of the Administration Building at 9:30 a.m. The Introductory Session in the Auditorium was opened by Mr. John F. Victory at 10:00 a.m. This session consisted of welcoming addresses and an introduction to the problems to be discussed at the various exhibits. The complete text of these welcoming addresses for both days are included herein.

At the conclusion of the Introductory Session the guests assembled on the grandstand adjacent to the 16-Foot Wind Tunnel and a photograph was made of the entire party. Mr. Smith J. DeFrance then introduced

the group leaders and the party was divided into nine groups for the tour of the laboratory. The program of the Inspection and the text of the various talks together with photographs of the exhibits are included in this volume.

Lunch was served to the entire party in the new hangar. Adjacent to the luncheon site there were several exhibits of instruments and research techniques. Attendants stood by these exhibits to answer questions but no formal talks were given. Photographs of these exhibits are also included here.

The Inspection of the Laboratory was concluded at 4:45 p.m. and all groups reassembled at the Moffett Field Officer's Club. Transportation to San Francisco and other points was provided as requested by the guests. The last bus left the Officer's Club at 6:30 p.m.