



Juan de la Cierva

September 21st, 1895 - *December 9th, 1936*

JUAN de la CIERVA MEMORIAL PRIZE

The Association is offering an annual prize of £25 for an essay or paper of a technical nature on some aspect of rotary wing flight.

This essay to be known as the Juan de la Cierva Memorial Prize Essay in memoration of Senor Don Juan de la Cierva and his great work in the field of rotary wing flight.

The competition is not restricted to members of the Association, but competitors must be British subjects and under the age of 35 years on the 31st December (of the year of entry). Entries for 1946/7 must be received by the 31st March, 1947. The subject for competition in the current year is "The Technical and Economic Problems of Rotary-wing as opposed to Fixed-wing Aircraft, and their application to the future of Civil Aviation". Enquires must be addressed to the "Secretary, Helicopter Association of Great Britain" at the Association's registered address.

An announcement corresponding to the above will also be found on page 2 of the "NOTICES" of the Royal Aeronautical Society for September, 1946 (supplement to the Journal of the R.Ae.S.).

The paper must be written in English and recommended not to exceed 5,000 words. Competitors must state date of birth and be prepared to submit proof of nationality and date of birth if called upon to do so. Entries to be submitted in type if possible. Manuscript entries will be considered but these must be legible. It would be appreciated if competitors could submit a duplicate copy, but this is not insisted on. Any documents or figures accompanying the text must be clearly drawn in ink.

The award of this prize is under the sole control of the Council of the Association, in whom power is vested

to vary the terms of the award at their discretion. While it is the intention to award the whole sum of £25 to the competitor submitting the best paper, the amount of the award in any one year may be reduced if no paper of sufficient merit is submitted; or should more than one paper of approximately equal merit be submitted, the annual amount of £25 may be divided between more than one competitor.

The following additional information will probably be of interest to members. The Association has been enabled to institute this prize by the generosity of one of its benefactors, who wishes to remain anonymous. This benefactor expressed the wish that his donation should form the nucleus of a Prize Essay Fund and this was unanimously agreed to by the Council. The funds in hand will permit of the annual prize being awarded over the next four years at least and it is confidently expected that the Prize Essay Fund will be augmented in due course so as to enable the prize to be put on a permanent footing.

The Council has approached the R.Ae.S. and asked them to sponsor the award and co-operate in advertising and judging the competition; and the Council of the R.Ae.S. have considered this proposal favourably and are giving us their full co-operation. Arrangements are in hand for setting up a panel of examiners, nominated jointly by the Council of the R.Ae.S. and the Council of the Association,

The age limit of 35 was decided by the Council of the Association after careful deliberation; the intention of this is to give encouragement to the rising generation without penalising those whose studies and professional careers have been interrupted by War Service. The limitation to British Subjects was decided on in order to restrict the field of competition to manageable proportions and not in any insular spirit.

The Council of the Association will be glad to receive suggestions from members for a subject for competition in the year 1947; and of course if this note should attract the eye of any potential benefactor who might wish to earmark a donation for the Prize Essay Fund, the Council would be more than grateful for any contribution which would help them to build up the fund to a figure which would assure the establishment of this prize as a permanent institution.

NEW MEMBERS

The following have been elected to membership of the Association since the last published list.

Members

- J. C. Carmichael FM
- L. W. S. Collings FM
- B. F. Collins FM
- R. W. L. Cure FM
- D. R. Garraway
- N. J. Gille
- A. H. Hammond FM
- K. K. Hay-Roe
- L. L. T. Huls
- A. Klemm
- R. N. Liptrot

- H. C. Mason
- A. McClements FM
- H. Thurlbeck

Associates

- J. A. Cameron
- W. G. Leslie
- J. C. Lister

Graduate Members

- K. A. Carter
- G. V. Howard

ANNUAL DINNER

The suggestion that the Association should hold an Annual Dinner in December has met with widespread approval from members, but details could not be completed in time. It is now thought that an evening in February or March after the General Meeting might be suitable.

Tickets for the dinner will probably cost approximately 12s. 6d., depending on the number of members

and guests attending. In order to assist the committee in their negotiations, will members please notify the secretary if they wish to attend and whether they will require tickets for any guests.

Preliminary notifications should be sent to Finsbury Circus House to arrive not later than Saturday the 14th December, 1946.

It is regretted that there have been occasional instances of delay in answering correspondence. The indulgence of members is asked while the present problems of office accommodation are being dealt with.