

The Assistant Secretary

THE CHAIRMAN I would like to make reference to the resignation of Miss MCPHEE from the office of Assistant Secretary, and to say how much we regret her departure. During her stay with us she has earned our respect and affection for the zealous way in which she has performed her duties, and she leaves with our very good wishes.

MISS PATRICIA MCKIM has now been appointed Assistant Secretary, and from the enthusiasm which she has already displayed I think she also will serve the Association well. I can assure her that she will continue to have our full support in her duties, and I am sure we can depend upon her wholehearted assistance in the work of the Association.

MISS SHEILA MACPHEE—AN APPRECIATION

Members were very sorry to learn that Miss MACPHEE resigned her post as Assistant Secretary to the Association at the end of September, 1951, after exactly four years of service. Sheila came to us from Rolls-Royce, Ltd, in September, 1947, when our office consisted only of two chairs and a table in Finsbury Circus House, and a few months later she had to face, not only a new Honorary Secretary on Max Stoker's resignation, but the setting up of our present offices and the reorganisation which was thereby entailed.

Those of us who have been in close touch with the Association's affairs know what enthusiasm she brought to that task and to the many which followed it.

Sheila has the advantage of a realistic understanding of flying matters gained in Fighter Operations Rooms, and Fighter Control at Photographic Reconnaissance Stations during her war service in the W A A F, added to which she has held a Private Pilot's licence on fixed wing aircraft.

To signify its deep appreciation of her good work, the Executive Council voted a sum towards a presentation to which many members have added their subscriptions. The latter will no doubt be interested to read the following letter addressed to our Chairman.

" Dear Mr Hill,

Thank you for your letter of December 21st, written on behalf of the President, Members of the Executive Council and Members of the Helicopter Association.

I accept with gratitude and pleasure the watch and cheque to which you have all subscribed but I must admit I am rather overwhelmed at the generosity and ' handsomeness ' of the presentation—I truly appreciate it and would ask you to convey my thanks to all those concerned.

I should like to say how much I enjoyed working for the Association and to assure you that I am still very much interested in it and that I will give whatever help and guidance I can to my successor, Miss McKim.

With many thanks for your good wishes

Yours sincerely,

1st January, 1952

SHEILA MACPHEE "

Members will be glad to know that Miss Sheila MacPhee was recently elected as a Companion Member of the Association, and we shall not lose her altogether. They will, we know, wish her every success for the future.

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