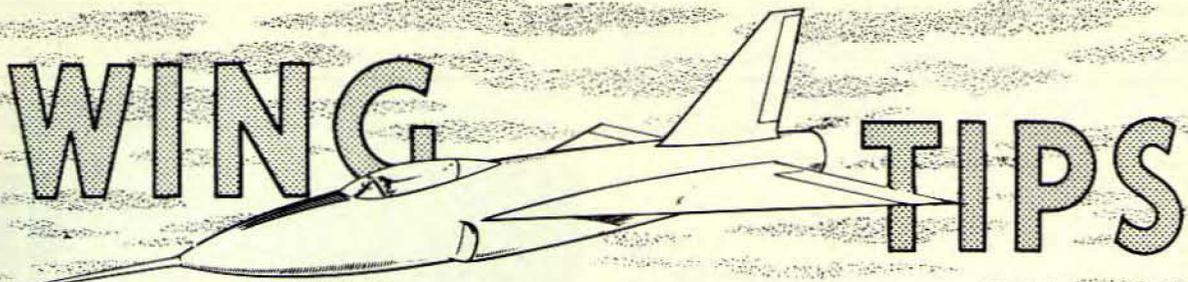


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On Capitol Hill

Photographed during Dr. James H. Doolittle's testimony before the Special Committee on Space and Astronautics of the U.S. Senate on May 6th were Paul Demling, NACA Legal Advisor, Dr. Doolittle, NACA Chairman and Abe Silverstein, Associate Director, NACA-Lewis.

Dr. Doolittle's statement before the Select Committee on Aeronautics and Space Exploration of the House of Representatives on April 29th is printed on page 3.



VICTORY SPEAKS IN CLEVELAND



Dr. John F. Victory, Executive Secretary of the NACA, will spark the discussions of the Small Business Opportunity Conference with his talk on research and development in a new era of national security.

The two-day conference, to be held May 14-15, will present opportunities of small manufacturers to make rocket and missile parts for the defense program. The conference is sponsored by the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

Additional Facilities to be Built at Plumbrook

Construction of facilities for study of long-range ballistic missile and space flight rocket systems will begin soon at the 3600-acre NACA Plumbrook site, south of Sandusky, Ohio. The new Rocket Research facilities are expected to be completed in about two years and cost \$5,480,000. Our \$10,735,000 reactor for Nuclear Propulsion research has been under construction at Plumbrook since 1956 and will be completed next year.

The first of the new Rocket Research units at Plumbrook, for the site facilities for operation of portable rigs for static firing, will be completed late this summer. The second facility will be a complete Rocket Systems Laboratory, consisting of rocket systems stands, rocket turbopump performance and control stands, pump and turbine test cells, propellant hydraulics and lubricants laboratories. No rockets will be launched at Plumbrook. All tests will be on ground static test stands.

On completion, about 20 service personnel will be employed at the site. About an equal number of scientists and technicians from the Lewis Laboratory will operate the facilities.