



Inaugural flight to Cork Airport - 16th October, 1961 - under the auspices of W & R Jacob & Co. Ltd., in association with the Dublin Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Left to right: Mrs. Lemass; An Taoiseach, Mr Lemass; Mrs. Briscoe; Mrs. Lynch; Mr. Lynch, Minister for Industry & Commerce; Mr. Briscoe, Lord Mayor of Dublin; Mr. Paul Rowan; Mr. C. Gordon Lambert.

HIGH FLYERS.

One of the boldest and most daring projects undertaken in the early days of Junior Chamber Dublin was the inaugural Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Cork in October 1961. The Viscount captained by Joseph Barrett had on board a group of distinguished passengers including the then Taoiseach Mr. Sean Lemass and his wife Mrs. Lemass, Jack Lynch, then minister for Industry and Commerce, and Mrs. Lynch and the Mayor of Dublin Alderman Bob Briscoe accompanied by the Lady Mayoress. The host for the day was Mr. Gordon Lambert of Jacobs.

The women of the party were loud in their praise of the thoughtfulness of the host who boosted feminine morale by providing complimentary orchids to counteract the depressing effect of such a early start. The flight took 50 minutes and on arrival the party was greeted by the Lord Mayor of Cork, who then had to leave to take a flight to London, (it was a busy day in Cork for inaugural flights). A reception in the Metropole Hotel, sponsored by Jacobs, and organised by Cork Junior Chamber of Commerce was held to celebrate the flight.

Other initiatives started with the help of Mr. Lambert in 1962 were the first meeting between Junior Chamber Dublin and the Junior Chamber of Commerce Belfast, at which Mr. Lemass was a guest followed a year later by a return visit to Belfast. In 1966 the ministers for Industry and Commerce in the Republic and Northern Ireland attended the function in Belfast at which all Junior Chambers in Ireland were represented, a bold initiative in those days.

In 1969, the Jacob Management Award, a five year Management Award Scheme was run as part of the Junior Chamber Ireland Outstanding Young Man project. The entrants were judged on Academic Achievement, Employer Report on Business Progress, and a written thesis. The award took the form of an Educational grant for further studies in Management Studies.

In recognition of his service to Junior Chamber and encouragement for North-South co-operation in 1969, Gordon Lambert was awarded a Junior Chamber Senatorship, the first non-Junior Chamber Member from Ireland to receive such an honour.