

1937 TRANSPOLAR FLIGHT



- ◆ **SOVIET AIRPLANE “ANT-25” COMPLETES FIRST TRANSPOLAR AIRPLANE FLIGHT FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO THE UNITED STATES AT PEARSON AIR FIELD IN VANCOUVER, WA ON JUNE 20, 1937.**
- ◆ **THREE SOVIET FLYERS, PILOT VALERY CHKALOV, CO-PILOT GEORGY BAIDUKOV, AND NAVIGATOR ALEXANDER BELYAKOV,**
- ◆ **ANT-25- A SINGLE-ENGINE MONOPLANE TO BE THE FIRST CROSS THE POLAR REGIONS**
- ◆ **ALL KNOWLEDGE OF THE FLIGHT BEFOREHAND WAS KEPT A SECRET TO THE WORLD**
- ◆ **THE THREE RUSSIAN AVIATORS HAD ENDURED 63 HOURS AND 16 MINUTES IN THEIR CRAMPED AND COLD AIRCRAFT AND COVERED 5,288 MILES.**
- ◆ **WELCOMED AS HEROES AT PEARSON AIR FIELD BY GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL**