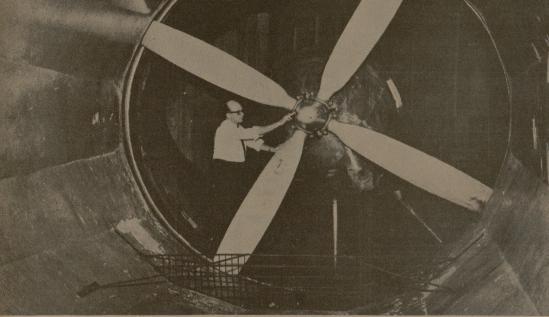
Famous Propeller Still Turns At A&M Thursday, June 22, 1967 College St.



ENOLA GAY PROPELLER?

Dr. Richard Thomas, associate aerospace engineering professor at Texas A&M, inspects the giant propeller used to drive the university's 7 x 10-foot wind tunnel. The propeller purportedly came off the Enola Gay, the B-29 which dropped the first atomic bomb.

An historic old propeller keeps tunnel at A&M's Easterwood Air-churning along at Texas A&M. port, the propeller was used in Local campusology has it that

the propeller used to drive A&M's wind tunnel came off the Enola Gay, the B-29 which dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima Aug. 6, 1945.

While neither confirming nor denying this legend, Dr. Richard E. Thomas, associate aerospace engineering professors, says there is little doubt the propeller was specially designed for the world's first atomic operation.

Dr. Thomas, who directs A&M's wind tunnel projects, notes this particular propeller is made of aluminum, rather than steel which normally is used for propellers.

Aluminum propellers, he explained, would reduce the weight of an aircraft, a critical factor for a B-29 carrying an atomic payload.

The popeller was obtained from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1959.

Whatever its military application of more than two decades ago, the large four-bladed propeller is now aiding in the research and

1963 for low-speed stability tests leading to the design of the Gemini space capsule. More recently, it has been employed for research in the development of Bell helicopters and LTV jet fighters now being used in Viet Nam.

One of its more unusual applications. Dr. Thomas recalls. involved simulating wind velocities to test the structural design for the space needle at San Antonio's HemisFair next year.

The propeller also has seen service in various experiments testing the wind resistance of the new safer "break-away" highway signs designed and developed by A&M's Texas Transportaiton Institute.

Dr. James Boone To Attend Institute Dr. James L. Boone Jr., assist-

ant professor of industrial education at Texas A&M, will participate in a Purdue University Summer Institute July 10-21.

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