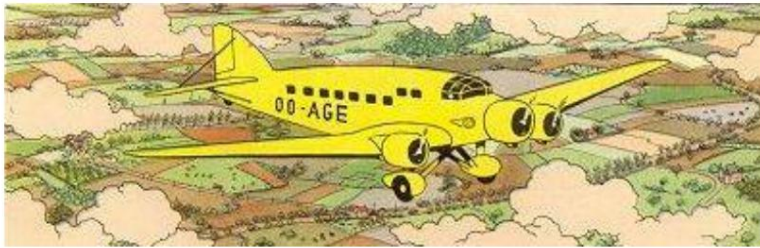
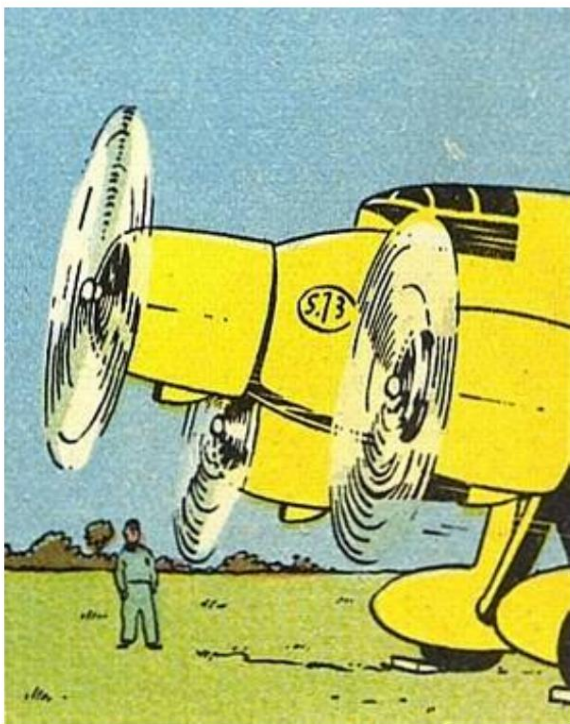


# An unusual connection



When I read about the Hungarian paratroopers' use of the Savoia-Marchetti SM-75 transport plane and saw pictures of the machines, I thought of the book Tintin, the book "King Ottokar's Scepter" and some drawings of a similar airplane.



I found my old copy of the book - and voila here were the drawings.

However, a closer study of the drawings reveals that the aircraft is in the SM-73 version.

And indeed if not also this topic is fully covered on a website! A French *tintinologist* has gone through all the books and identified the planes that appear in them.

That page shows that the plane with which Tintin and Professor Halambique fly to Prague is a Savoia Marchetti SM-73 plane from the Belgian airline Sabena.

So there was a connection - and it was nice to have confirmation that the many hours I had spent in my younger days reading Tintin books had not been wasted!

## Sources

1. *King Ottokar's scepter* by Hergé, Illustrationsforlaget, Copenhagen 1960.

A more detailed description of the source can be found, among other things, in *Tintinologisk Tidsskrift*, in the Knowledge Center section, which can be found at the following address <http://akira.ruc.dk/~rsj/tintin/viden/kos.htm>