



"SWIFTY"

In this month's advertisement, we introduce you to "SWIFTY", a character we have created to symbolize CANADA'S FASTEST AIRCRAFT PARTS SERVICE.

Leavens' service indicated by the "SWIFTY" symbol is based on (1) Large inventory, (2) Representing leading manufacturers, (3) Stream-lined shipping system, (4) Experience in aircraft operation, (5) Interest in YOUR supply problems.

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As a result of Leavens' Same-Day Service, we are once again able to report a very large increase in our Aircraft Supply Department sales.



We at Leavens Bros. hope that 1955 has been a good year for you too, and that 1956 will be even better. To you and yours we wish a

Merry Christmas!

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Aviation Intelligence

► **Unusual RCAF helicopter deal** is mooted. Under consideration is plan whereby the air force will buy a large number of helicopters (28), then lease them out to operators for Mid-Canada Line work.

► **TCA may purchase** an additional 11 Viscount 700's. Decision was to be made November 24, or after this issue had gone to press.

► **RCAF is considering** purchase of six Grumman Albatross amphibians from U. S. military for Arctic work. This large version of the Mallard has seen considerable service with the U. S. forces and so far has never been released for commercial use.

► **Central Northern, Winnipeg,** has purchased TCA's three Bristol Freighters and one freight DC-3 in a package deal for an undisclosed amount.

► **Supersonic day superiority fighters** as successors to the RCAF's Sabre VI's are now regarded out. It's now seen most new aircraft funds will be needed for the CF-105 long-range all-weather fighter being developed by Avro Aircraft. A year ago the U. S. F-100 and F-104 were mooted as possible Sabre VI replacements.

► **Department of Transport** is expected to place orders for equipment to provide radar surveillance of airways and airport areas as an aid to traffic control. Delivery time on the first 15 sets contemplated is estimated at 18 months.

Meanwhile, four temporary sets should go into operation by spring, and the department will launch a training program for new tower operators.

► **Canadian Car and Foundry, Fort William,** has begun work on an Egyptian Air Force order for an undisclosed number of Harvard (T-6) trainers. An export permit covering the contract has been approved by the Canadian government.

► **Canadair Ltd., Montreal,** is reportedly close to an announcement of a new F-86 Orenda Sabre VI order for a NATO air force.

► **Britain's Ministry of Supply** has cancelled orders for Vickers-Armstrongs (Aircraft) Ltd. V.1000 transport.

Ministry spokesmen explain weight of the V.1000 had grown substantially and outstripped engine capacity during development.

V-A's managing-director, George Edwards, describes ministry decision as regrettable; abandonment to the Americans of the non-stop westbound Atlantic route.

Ministry counters that Comet 4s, operating with stops, and turbo-prop Britannia's non-stop, will give BOAC an effective fleet on the North Atlantic long before long-range American jets are in service.

► **The Ministry of Supply** has announced a new British interceptor fighter which could succeed English Electric's P.1 in squadron service. The Saunders-Roe S-R 53 has combined rocket and turbo-jet power.

Experts see development of Short Bros. and Harland's vertical take-off P.D 11 as having marked effect on evolution of the S-R 53.

Another British jet-rocket fighter in progress is the Avro 720. Both models are highly supersonic. Production contract for the S-R 53 is mooted. Avro 720 prototype is seen as experimental.

► **Royal Canadian Navy** may purchase 21 S-58 Sikorsky helicopters for anti-submarine and general logistics work. Order is described as interim move designed to fill gap until long-range requirement for large anti-submarine 'copters (about 100) is being filled. Meanwhile, the Navy's first jet squadron was set to receive its first U.S.-surplus McDonnell F2H-3 Banshee all-weather fighters at Shearwater. About 60 Banshees have been ordered for service aboard the new carrier HMCS Bonaventure.