

Downey, Calif., to investigate the NASSAR radar system; to Lockheed at Burbank, Calif.; to Republic Aviation at Farmingdale, N.Y.; to Blackburn Aircraft, Yorkshire, Eng.; to Ferranti Electric, Edinburgh.

Mr. Pearkes did not have any results of these visits to announce.

His statement served to confirm, however, that the RCAF favors the Super Tiger for the Air Division in Europe. Mr. Pearkes said that if it is found suitable it "may" be built in Canada. The Government is also known to be interested in the Northrop N-156F, mainly because it is relatively inexpensive.

The Cost of Lacrosse

Defence Minister Pearkes has announced that it will cost \$4,300,000 to equip the Canadian Army infantry brigade in West Germany with Lacrosse surface-to-surface missiles.

Not all this money will be spent in the 1959-60 fiscal year. Only \$473,000 is included in the 1959-60 defence budget for purchase of some Lacrosse missiles and their launchers and fire control systems. The Lacrosse will have atomic warheads handy in case of emergency. These warheads will remain in the custody of American troops.

Vancouver Air Show

Russia and Communist China have been invited to send representative aircraft to Vancouver's international air show, July 12.

Scheduled for top billing is the first appearance on the west coast of the RCAF's Golden Falcons jet aerobatic team flying Sabre 5's. The DC-8 will put in an appearance, likely sporting TCA colors.

Postings & Careers

• Commander John D. Lowe has been appointed to take command of HMCS Sioux (destroyer escort), based at Halifax. Cmdr. Lowe joined the RCN as a boy seaman in 1937. In late 1944 he took flight training with the British Royal Navy and qualified as a pilot. In 1951, Cmdr. Lowe went to the U.S. Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida, for helicopter training. On his return to Canada he pioneered the use of helicopters in the RCN, commanding the navy's first helicopter

flight. He was promoted to his present rank in 1956 and made Deputy Director of Naval Aviation. The following year he was appointed to HMCS Shearwater as Commander (Air).

• Captain William Strange, Director of Naval Information at Naval Headquarters for more than 13 years, has left on retirement leave. Succeeding him in the appointment is Commander (SB) Reginald Hayden. Capt. Strange entered the Navy as an information officer in 1942. Appointed as Director of Naval Information in November,

1945, he set up the Navy's first peacetime public information organization.

• Lieutenant Colonel James Thompson, who has commanded the Army Survey Establishment, Royal Canadian Engineers, since 1953, has been appointed Deputy Director of Military Survey. New CO of the Establishment is Lt. Col. Ernest Ballantyne. The many assignments carried out by the Survey Establishment since the war have included mapping some of the more remote areas of Canada's northland.

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