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"Our workmen did it. We walked in there and took them apart. We used saws -- you couldn't use torches because it was too dangerous. The fixtures in the plant were torched; the aircraft were sawed. And we paid \$ 300,000 for the works.... We put them on trailers and took them down to the smelters where every one was smelted down. Nobody could purchase the material from us because we were under security. They were watching us all the time. We had three or four men watching us and we had to do it as quickly as we could. War assets came and took the vital parts out of the aircraft, but when that was done they wanted them out in a hurry, scrapped and out. When we got to the smelter the weights had to coincide with delivery. No part escaped. In fact I had to guarantee that if any got out I was in trouble." Sam Lax - Lax Brothers Salvage, Hamilton
-- from page 275 of Greig Stewart's book "Shutting Down The National Dream."