

Layoffs of hourly-paid employees began with the cancellation of the T-36 contract, and though some of these were rehired when the Britannia order was confirmed, the layoffs began again late in 1953. Since that time, as production of Sabres has tapered off, and with T-33 production past its peak, there has been a steady trimming of production staff.

Engineering and other salaried personnel have not been affected by the cut-back, and in fact, Canadair has been steadily increasing its engineering staff. This is due to the extensive redesign work required in connection with the Britannia project.

Change of Name

The Dunlop organization in Canada has changed its name to "Dunlop Canada Limited", it has been announced. The company was formerly known as Dunlop Tire & Rubber Goods Co. Limited.

C-119 Modifications

The Aircraft Division of Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp., Hagerstown, Maryland, has announced that it has been awarded a contract to carry out modifications on an undisclosed number of RCAF C-119 Packets. About 35 aircraft are believed to be involved.

Under the terms of its modification contracts, the Fairchild is installing on earlier versions of the C-119 (the RCAF has C-119F's) a number of features now standard on production model C-119G's. New installations include co-rotational nose gear (earlier gear was troubled by shimmy), emergency escape chutes, emergency air brake systems, and ventral fins on the tail booms.

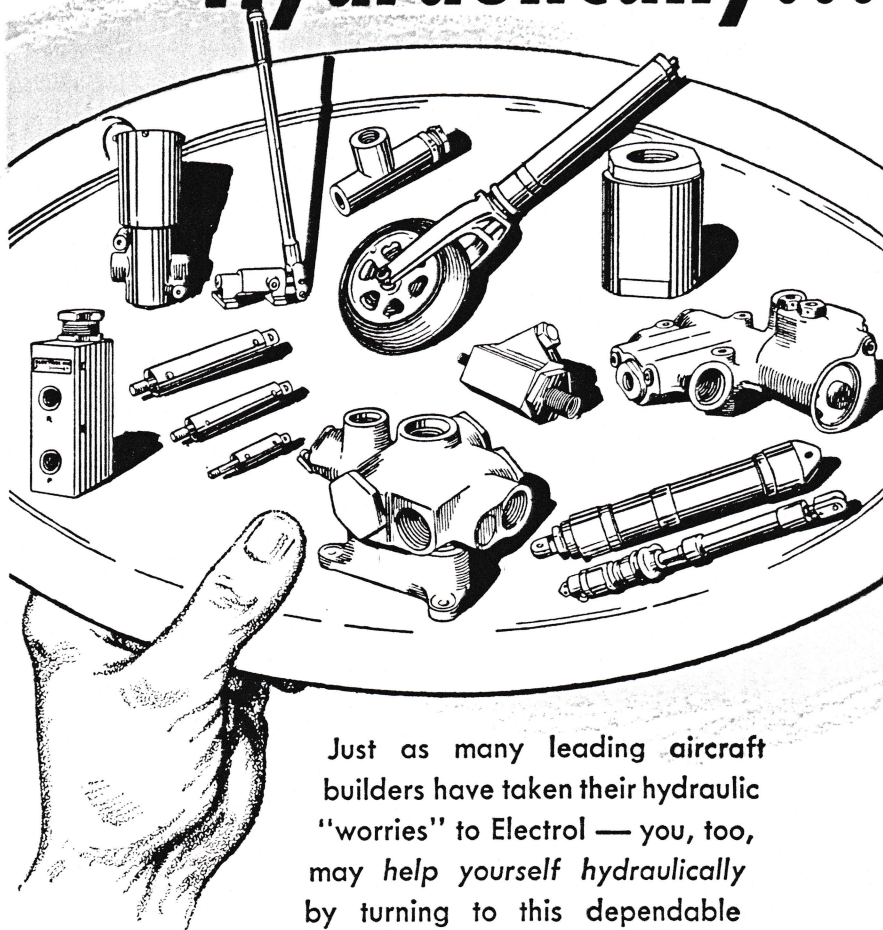
Other features in the modernization program include "beefing up" the fuselage (present fuselage can't cope with a belly landing without very extensive damage), improvement of the auxiliary power unit and instrument power circuit, and installation of an elevator gust-lock emergency valve.

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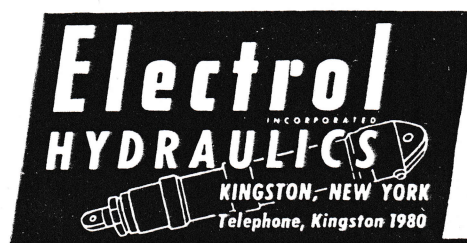
Gas turbine blade production for Avro Canada, which has been performed by Frigidaire Products of Canada Limited since mid-1952, is being returned to Avro Canada's Gas Turbine Division.

Transfer of production facilities from Frigidaire's Leaside, Ont., fac-

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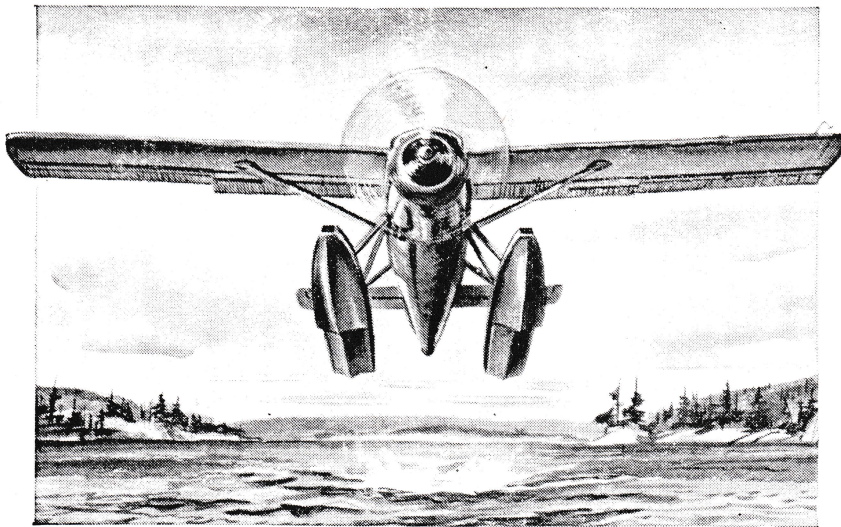


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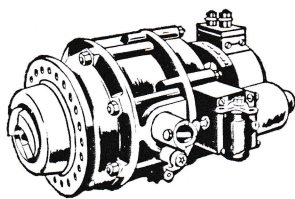
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tory to Avro Canada's Malton plant, is already underway and it is expected will be complete by early next year. About 1,200 Frigidaire employees are affected by the cessation of the blade subcontract, but Avro Canada has announced that approximately 275 of these will probably be hired by its newly-established Blade Production Shop. This will bring employment at the Gas Turbine Division to about 6,000.

Production of the first blades at Avro Canada is scheduled for not later than October 15. Peak production is currently set at about 250,000 blades per month.

Operations which have been performed by Frigidaire include the machining, finishing, and inspection of all compressor and turbine blades for production Orenda engines. These operations were carried out on unfinished blades made by the Aluminum Co. of Canada Ltd. and Canadian Steel Improvement Ltd.

Bristol Change

Bristol Aeroplane Engines (Western) Ltd., Vancouver, has changed its name to Bristol Aero Engines (Western) Ltd. It will be recalled that the name of Bristol's eastern company was recently changed from Bristol Aeroplane Engines (Eastern) Ltd., to Bristol Aero Engines Ltd.

Airton in Canada

Renfrew Electric & Refrigerator Co. Ltd., Renfrew, Ont., has announced the signing of an agreement with Airtron Inc., Linden, N.J., to manufacture in Canada, power cables and patented quick disconnect electrical components and assemblies to Airtron design.

M. J. Kennedy, general manager of the Renfrew firm, says that the agreement makes available to the Canadian aircraft industry, components that have already been accepted in the U.S. industry. A feature of the Airtron assemblies is said to be that they can be disconnected by a quick pull without the use of hand tools, but are firmly held in place during operation.

The new lines will be manufactured by the Special Products Division of Renfrew Electric & Refrigerator, which is already widely experienced in the manufacture of such aircraft components as cable assemblies, junction boxes, wiring harness, etc.