

"What's in the Air"

DO YOU want someone to jump for you? The Ontario County Flying Club has jumpers for the asking. According to a note in a recent issue of The Aerogram, club paper.

"We would like to advise that any school planning an Air Show or public affair this summer has no more worries about parachute jumpers. We have five qualified parachutists here at the club who would like to do some jumps at shows . . ."

SPEAKING of parachute jumpers: A story from the Joint Air School at Rivers, Man. tells of the revenge of Lieut. Don Brochu who was kidded because, weighing only 130 lb., he was always first out of the aircraft and last to land. His revenge consisted of requiring each soldier in his 'stick' to salute as they passed him in the air.

AN EVEN better story is told by Hy Sheridan, an American Airlines captain, writing in a recent issue of Flying. It seems a new class of stewardess trainees had just arrived at the AA base. Nearby on the same airport was a pilot conversion school.

The next day was a holiday and the stewardess students were not surprised to get a call from the medical department to report for a special examination. They were examined by two well-tanned, dignified but highly enthusiastic young men in white jackets. The stethoscope work, especially, was quite thorough.

The previous day a captain and his first officer had ferried in a new plane. When these two resourceful pilots found the medical staff gone for the holiday and two white jackets hanging tantalizingly on the wall inspiration had its way. Comments Capt. Sheridan:

"This sort of thing is deplorable, of course, and we must condemn it, through jealousy if not through hon-

or. Yet all of the young ladies seem to have been well satisfied. It is marvelous what even an amateur can do with a stethoscope."

THE COVER—The Northrop Flying Wing, described as the largest and longest-ranging jet plane in the world, set an unofficial record re-

cently when it spanned the continent at an average 502 mph. The B-49 has eight engines develop a combined equivalent of 32,000 hp. A bomb load of 30,000 lb. can be stowed in six large bays under the wing.

—The Editor.



"WHAT DO WE DO NOW?—HE HAS A PASS TO TAKE IT OUT!"

—Courtesy AVRO News.

Believed to be the first woman student to enroll for the Government subsidy pilot training program, Mrs. M. Boschi is congratulated by A. J. "Spunky" Edwards, chief instructor at Curtiss-Reid Flying Service, Cartierville Airport, Montreal.



Comfort and relaxation as well as increased resistance to "G" forces are objectives of this prone-position pilot bed developed by the Aero-Medical Lab. of the U. S. Air Materiel Command.



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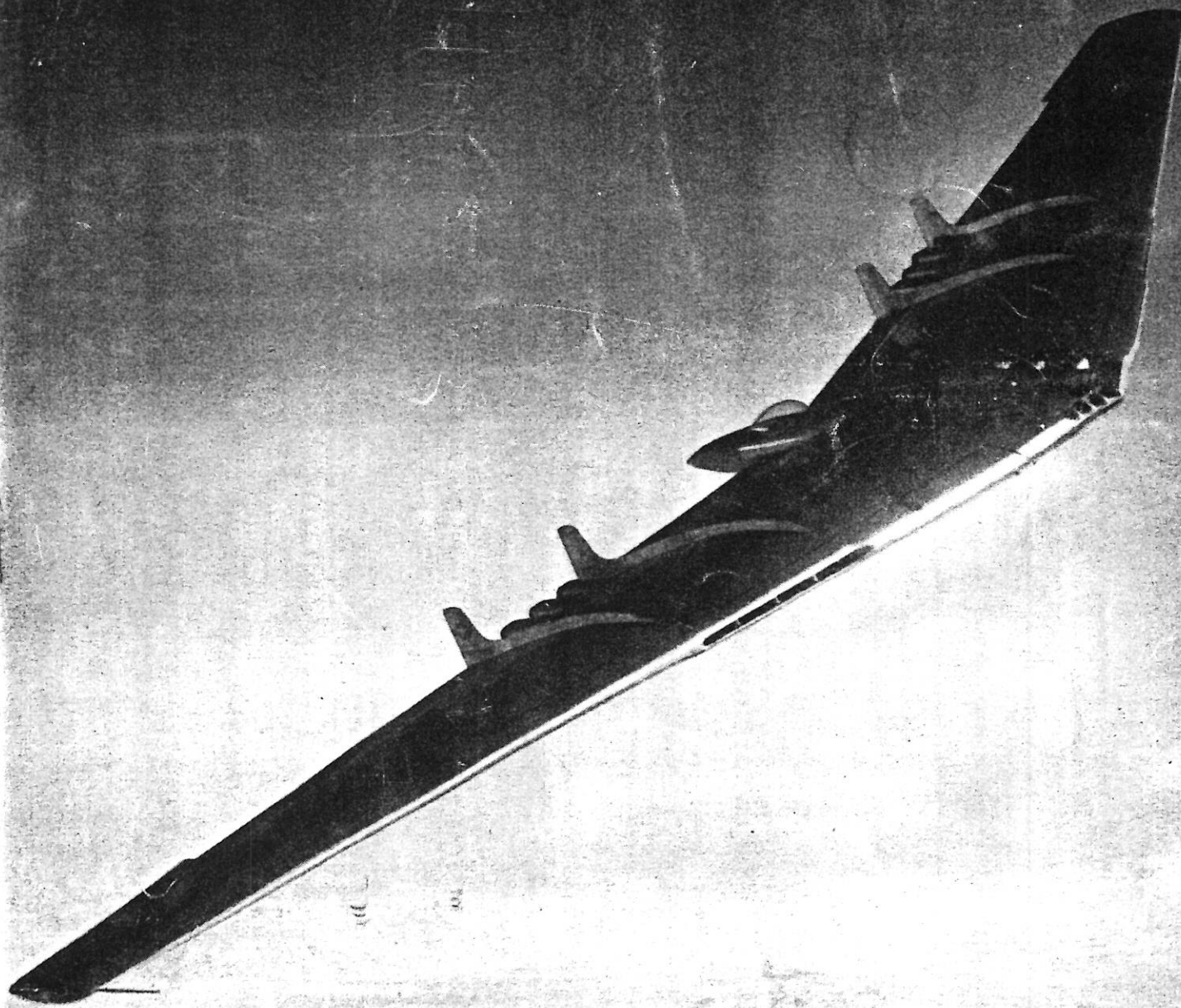
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