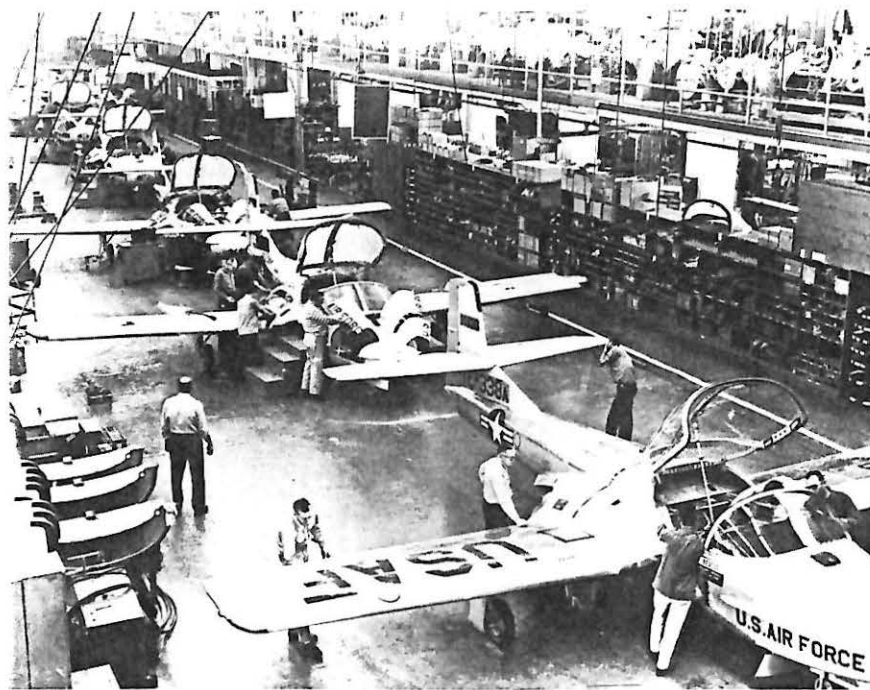


# Air "Currents"



Cessna Aircraft Company has rolled out its 500th T-37 twin-jet trainer. The aircraft, number 59-0338, is shown above as production workmen made last minute inspections prior to movement of the assembly line at Cessna's Military Division in Wichita, Kansas.

T-37s give U.S. Force student pilots their first taste of jet flying and hundreds have graduated on this trainer since the aircraft was introduced into the Air Training Command curriculum in 1957.

**THE McKEE TROPHY FOR 1959** has been awarded to the Hon. J. A. D. McCurdy, the man who made the first powered flight in Canada in 1909.

The defence department, in their announcement, said it had been presented "for his meritorious service in the cause of Canadian aviation during the last fifty years and for his outstanding contribution to the success of the 50th anniversary of powered flight observance during 1959."

The McKee Trophy has been presented annually since 1927 for outstanding contributions to the advancement of Canadian aviation.

**LOCKHEED C-130B HERCULES** aircraft will be purchased for the RCAF, officials have announced. Although negotiations are not complete the initial order will probably be for four of the planes at a total cost of \$14 million.

The Hercules is a heavy transport, powered by four turbo prop engines and can be equipped with skis or wheels.

**A NEW AUTO-PILOT** will be used on the latest DC-8's being produced. The control, similar to those on missiles, is more efficient than any previously used on the jets.

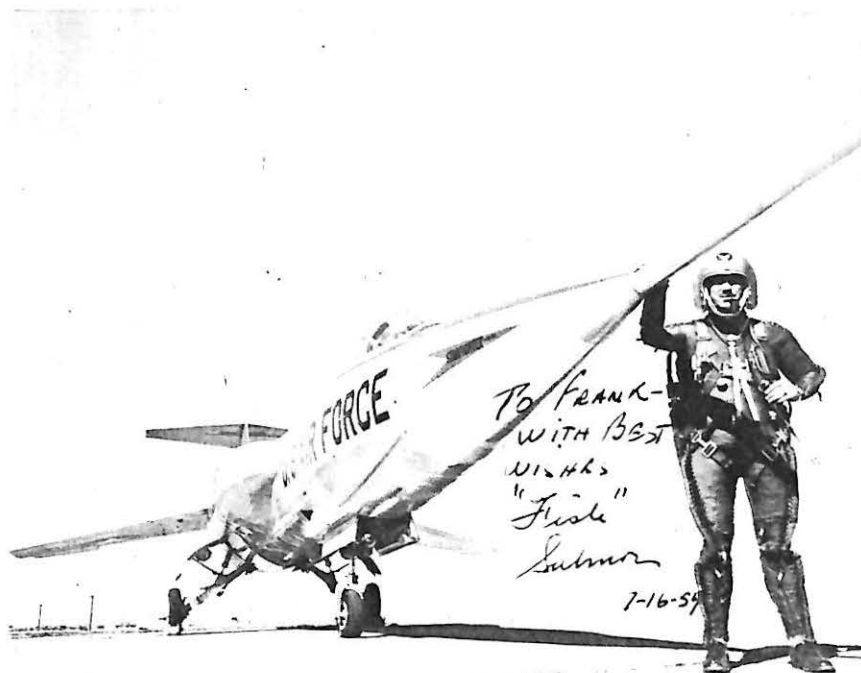
**INTERCONTINENTAL FLIGHTS IN ONE HOUR** have been predicted by Bell Aircraft Corp. for the 1980-90 era. Sleek, air conditioned space ships are expected to make the trips outside the atmosphere at speeds in excess of 6000 m.p.h.

**FREIGHT RATE CUTS** on northern routes have been announced by P.W.A. Effective immediately, the reductions affect shipments from Edmonton to 13 northern points. The permanent reductions, following temporary cuts last fall, have been made possible by the increased demand and by the introduction of larger aircraft on these routes.

**THE AVIAN GYROPLANE** has crashed in a test flight and injured the test pilot. The gyroplane is being developed by former Avro engineers for civilian use.

**THE ANNUAL TOFINO FLY-IN AND CRAB FEED** will be held on July 10 this year. Sponsors of the event, the Aero Club of B.C., have planned a party for the evening of the 9th. For any who wish to come early, bring camping equipment and stay overnight. Some 200 aircraft from widely scattered points are expected.

**THE AVROCAR "FLYING SAUCER"** will receive up to \$2 million in aid from the Federal Government. The Avrocar is designed as an army reconnaissance vehicle and has been financed mainly by the U.S. Army. Further Canadian financing will depend on the success of future tests.



The 'needle' look of the F104A is accentuated in this view. Test pilot "Fish" Salmon poses by the Starfighter for friend Frank Thomas. Some Starfighters are being built for the RCAF.