



NEW PWA BELL 47H. Pacific Western Airlines helicopter division is leasing this new helicopter bought by Uranium Corp. of B. C.

Radio Lease

Technical Enterprises, Ltd., Malton, has come up with a painless way for business aircraft operators to own the best communications and navigation equipment available on a monthly rental basis calculated on a basis of \$40 per month per \$1,000 of equipment including free service. The monthly rental decreases each year over a period of four years to a base of \$20.

Orders for Canadair

Canadair Ltd., Montreal, has received an order for 12 more CL-28 MR patrol bomber versions of the Bristol Britannia bringing the total ordered to date to 25 with an order for a further 12 expected in the next fiscal year. The first one is nearing completion and is expected off the line by the fall and ready for test flying by early winter.

In addition Canadair has received an order from the Colombian Government to operate overhaul, maintenance and repair facilities in Colombia for the Colombian Air Force's six Sabre VI's (recently delivered by Canadair), C-54's, T-33's and F-86's.

AITA Meet

At a recent meeting of associate manufacturer and associate members committee of the Air Industries and Transport Association of Canada it was proposed that an up-to-date and reliable over-all estimate of available manufacturing facilities in Canada be drawn up. Purpose is to urge increased utilization of Canadian facilities by DDP rather than order defense equipment abroad.

It was also decided to bring to the attention of DDP for correction the "unfair" practice of DDP of using manufacturers' designs and specifications for the purpose of securing competitive bids.

business trends

White Paper

Highlights of the latest White Paper on defense are:

- New commitments for the RCAF and Navy which will result in increases in service strengths. At April 30 they were, with ceilings shown in brackets: air force, 49,875 (51,000); navy, 19,014 (20,000).

- Bulk of RCAF releases are non-voluntary "largely for reasons of inefficiency."

- All new pilots in training are obliged to take T-33 jet training.

- New plans for the auxiliary are to be announced in near future.

- In current fiscal year total defense funds appropriated are \$1,775,000,000, about the same as last year. Of this, last year 42.2% went to the air force, 26% to the army and 16.7% to the navy.

- During the past year \$46,327,000 was spent on the Mid-Canada radar line, in the 1956-57 year this spending has been forecast to rise to \$100 million.

- Defense Research Board expenses for current fiscal year are forecast at \$78 million compared to \$52.6 million last year. The increase is attributed to development costs of the CF-105, development of the Sparrow air-to-air missile and the Orenda PS-13 Iroquois engine.

- Both the CF105 and CF-100 Mark V are to be fitted with the Sparrow missile.

- Design work is progressing on Canada's first large high-speed wind tunnel for the National Aeronautic Establishment.

- An increase in flight pay is under consideration from the present \$30 per month.

- Mutual aid to NATO will amount to \$143 million in the current fiscal year, some \$32 million less than the previous fiscal year.

CDC Expansion

Computing Devices of Canada Ltd., a pioneer Canadian firm in the fields of electronic data processing, instrumentation and automation recently opened an 80,000 sq. ft. head office and plant just outside Ottawa. The company now has 500 employees of which over 25% are graduate engineers.

At the same time the company has entered into association with Bendix Aviation Corp., so that it will act as agent for the U. S. company in Canada. Among the many Bendix products CDC will handle in a major way is the Decca Navigator line.

CDC will now have full sale and manufacturing rights of the Decca Navigator ground station equipment and airborne installations in Canada following an agreement recently signed between Bendix and Decca in the U. K. Bendix has had these rights in the U. S. for some time.

Export Gain

Canadian airframe, engine parts and accessories manufacturers exporting to the U. S. will face a lower U. S. tariff (2½% down to 12½%) by June 1958 as a result of the tariff agreements negotiated at the recent Geneva conference on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The U.S. tariff (para 370) will be lowered by 1% June 30 this year and by another ½% by June 30, 1957, to reach 12½% in 1958. However Canadian aviation importers will not find any new reductions on import duties affecting U.S.-made goods at this time.

Canadian Vickers

Vickers Ltd. of the U. K., builders of the Viscount and Supermarine Swift, has purchased controlling interest in Canadian Vickers Ltd., Montreal.

Canadian Vickers was set up as a subsidiary of Vickers Ltd. in 1911, but in 1927 Canadian interests bought control. The Canadian firm has engaged in aircraft manufacturing (during World War II), shipbuilding and heavy engineering. Sir Ronald M. Weeks, chairman of Vickers Ltd., has stated that at least 45% of shares in Canadian Vickers is to remain in Canadian hands with the British firm holding the other 55%. There's a strong indication the change of ownership will mark the entrance of the Canadian firm into electronics, a field in which the parent company is heavily engaged in defense fields.

DDP Contracts

During the period May 1-15 seven contracts were placed by the Department of Defense Production for \$1 million or more each, amounting to \$10,245,000 placed with various firms for airframe spares and repair, overhaul, modification of airframes, airframe spares, engines and aircraft instruments: Canadair Ltd., Montreal, \$2,000,000 for spares and \$3,200,000 for repair and overhaul; Northwest Industries, Edmonton, \$2,758,000 for instrument and airframe service, repair and overhaul; Bristol Aircraft (Western) Ltd., Winnipeg, \$1,000,000 for airframe overhaul; Lucas-Rotax Ltd., Mount Royal, \$1,000,000 for repair and overhaul of engine and electrical systems; Phoenix Engineered Products Ltd., Toronto, \$1,500,000 for repair and overhaul of aircraft instruments.

Wings to Trucks

An agreement concluded between Leyland Motors Ltd. of the U. K. and A. V. Roe Canada Ltd. will result in the manufacture, sales and distribution of the "Canada" truck by A. V. Roe subsidiary, Canadian Car & Foundry Co. of Fort William and Montreal. Can-Car, already a bus and trolley bus body manufacturer will now be able to offer a truck powered by the Leyland diesel engine.