



Sleek CF-100 rests on tarmac at North Bay base. In background is modernistic control tower. North Bay is home of RCAF's all-weather operational training unit and one all-weather fighter squadron.

Jets Go Through Paces Of Show Set for CNE

By JAMES HORNICK

North Bay, Aug. 20 (Staff).—The RCAF rolled up one sleeve today and bared the muscular right arm of its fast-growing air defense force.

Concentrated here, outside the gateway city to Northern Ontario, is the great bulk of 70 twin-engine CF-100 all-weather fighters produced at Malton by Avro Canada Ltd.

Before long, as the Avro plant begins delivering an improved version of the aircraft, the RCAF plans to station CF-100's in a strategic line across the country, at such bases as Uplands, outside Ottawa; St. Hubert, Que.; Namao, Alta., and Comox, B.C.

The Avro company has contracts to manufacture some 650 CF-100's, selected by the RCAF as the mainstay of this country's air defense. And it is at North Bay that the pilots and navigators for these speedy craft are being groomed.

Based here is No. 3 All-Weather Operational Training Unit and 445 All-Weather Fighter Squadron. A

of the manoeuvres executed today are to be a feature of the RCAF's daily show at the CNE.

The CF-100, designed, developed and produced by a Canadian company, has been the focal point in a long-standing controversy. The RCAF, in throwing open its \$15,000,000, still-expanding North Bay training centre, sought to prove that its heavy investment in CF-100 production is finally being justified.

Group Capt. F. R. Sharp, the station commander, said: "We feel we have a good aircraft here and a high standard of training."

Wing Cmdr. E. D. Crew, commanding the OTU, said the CF-100 was fully competent to perform the task for which it was created: all-weather, long-range fighting.

And the severest critics of any aircraft, the men who fly and maintain them, were eager in any off-the-record interview to second the motion.

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