

THE AIRBORNE SERVICES

Auxiliary Sabres

A recent Ottawa news report says that at least some of the RCAF's 12 auxiliary squadrons are to be equipped with Sabres. The report indicated that only a few details remained to be ironed out before an official announcement would be made. The 12 squadrons now comprise; tactical bomber, two; fighter, five; fighter-bomber, five.

Jet Transfers

In the period from 1953-54 to 1955-56 a total of 253 jet aircraft have been transferred from the RCAF to Greece and Turkey as part of Canada's Mutual Aid contributions, according to figures release by Defence Minister Ralph O. Campney, in reply to a query from G. H. Castleden, MP for Yorkton, Sask.

Mr. Castleden had asked for the total number of jet aircraft transferred to NATO countries since 1954.

Pay Increases

Increases in pay for members of the three Armed Services were announced during April. The revised pay schedules are designed to improve the incomes of men in the Forces as their service increases. The per annum in-

creases range from \$48 for an Aircraftman 2nd class just beginning his service career, to \$396 for a Warrant Officer 1st Class who has served nine years in the rank.

For officers, the raises go from a low of \$60 per year for Flight Cadets, to a high of \$840 per year for a Wing Commander with nine years in rank; a Squadron Leader with nine years in rank will get a boost of \$720 per year.

The increases apply to both regular and reserve forces of all the services and are the same in all services for equivalent rank or rating.

Dorval Inquiry

A five-man board of inquiry under Group Captain Alex M. Jardine, officer commanding St. Hubert RCAF base, has begun investigations in the million dollar fire that razed the RCAF ATC hangar at Dorval in March.

The board includes Squadron Leader R. A. Powell, construction engineer from Air Defence Command, Flight Lieutenant T. Van Chuk, transport supply officer, and Warrant Officer C. D. Shaw, fire prevention officer, both of ATC, Lachine; D. B. Reese and E. V. Aitken of the DoT, Ottawa.

Present reports indicate that the fire

started in a section of the building where stores were kept, according to Paul Hellyer, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of National Defence.

Last H-21B's Delivered

The last two of six Vertol (Piasecki) H-21B helicopters were accepted by the RCAF on February 1. The RCAF is operating its fleet of H-21B helicopters on the Mid-Canada radar line construction. The H-21A's are used primarily for search and rescue operations and are based with S & R units at various points across Canada.

M.P. Commands 428

Wing Commander J. Angus MacLean, DFC, CD, Member of Parliament for Queens, Prince Edward Island was commanding officer of the No. 428 Squadron, Uplands for two weeks in March.

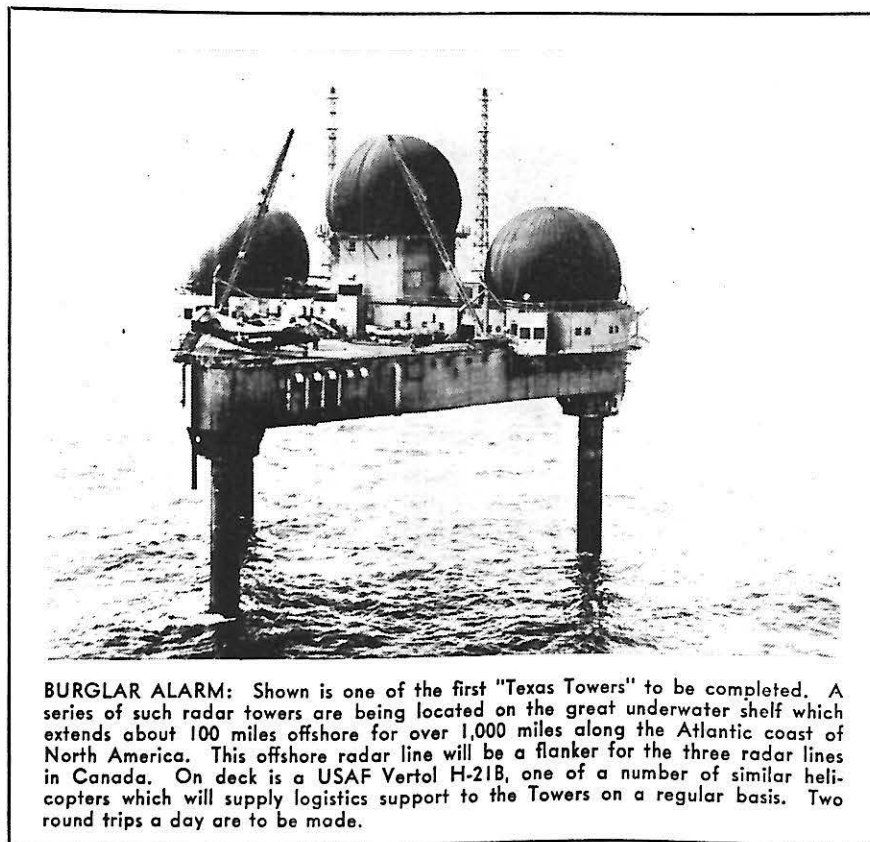
W/C MacLean took over as acting commanding officer of the CF-100 squadron as part of his annual reserve training. At the same time he carried on his regular parliamentary duties during the current sessions.

Efficiency Award

A new award, called the Steinhardt Memorial trophy, has been donated to the RCAF by Mrs. A. A. Sherlock, of Willowdale, Ont., in memory of her father, the late Honourable Laurence A. Steinhardt, U.S. Ambassador to Canada from August 21, 1948, until his death in an aircraft accident on March 28, 1950, according to AFHQ.

The trophy, to be held under the trusteeship of the Air Officer Commanding the RCAF's Air Defence Command, will be awarded annually on Air Force Day to the most proficient all-weather fighter squadron of that command. The selection of the winning squadron will be made by a committee composed of five officers from Air Defence Command Headquarters at St. Hubert, P.Q.

The handsome trophy stands on a two-tier black base 24 inches long. Around the bottom tier are silver shields for the names of the annual squadron winners, while on the second tier is a bronze plaque with the following inscription: "Presented to the Royal Canadian Air Force by Mrs. A. A. Sherlock in memory of her father, the late Honourable Laurence A. Steinhardt, United States Ambassador to



BURGLAR ALARM: Shown is one of the first "Texas Towers" to be completed. A series of such radar towers are being located on the great underwater shelf which extends about 100 miles offshore for over 1,000 miles along the Atlantic coast of North America. This offshore radar line will be a flanker for the three radar lines in Canada. On deck is a USAF Vertol H-21B, one of a number of similar helicopters which will supply logistics support to the Towers on a regular basis. Two round trips a day are to be made.