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VERSATILE SKYHAWK -- McDonnell Douglas Corporation has built 2960
Skyhawks, in operation with U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and air
arms of six other nations, including Israel, New Zealand, Australia,
Singapore, Kuwait and Argentina. Skyhawks, flown from carriers,
from forward airfields and as trainers, have been in continuous
production at McDonnell Douglas for 26 years, a record unmatched
in U.S. military aviation. At top left, first Skyhawk, designated
XA4D-1, takes off on maiden flight June 22, 1954 at Edwards Air Force
Base, California. Navy Blue Angels fly Skyhawks in spectacular
vertical climb (top right) during flight demonstration programs.
A-4 Skyhawk, equipped with wing tanks for supplementary fuel,
approaches for landing on U.S. carrier (lower left). At right is
two-place TA-4K jet trainer, in markings of Royal New Zealand Air
Force, photographed flying past Half Dome in Yosemite National Park
on test flight.

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