

F-5 Freedom Fighter Is Assessed In Article

By DAVE McINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP)—The authoritative U.S. trade magazine Aviation Week says the Northrop F-5 Freedom Fighter had to be refuelled 16 times in the air and make two ground stops during its 10,500-mile trip from

Arizona to Saigon last October. It says the F-5 combat trials in Viet Nam have pinpointed both advantages and limitations, one of the latter being that the plane needs 6,400 feet of runway to take off with a "moderate" bomb load. This is more

runway than required by an Air Canada De-8 passenger jet. The Canadian defence department has ordered 125 F-5s at a cost of \$215,000,000. Officials here say changes will be incorporated in the Canadian version to remove the difficulties encountered by the U.S. Air Force in Viet Nam.

TRIED OUT BY U.S.
The Jan. 17 issue of Aviation Week says the American trials of the F-5 in Viet Nam are the most recent chapter in a nine-month-long "hard look" at the F-5 to determine whether it can be used in U.S. Tactical Air Command.

The magazine adds that the U.S. was expected to buy instead the Ling-Terrco-Vought

A-7 attack plane. This has since been confirmed in President Johnson's budget message to Congress.

F-5 advantages listed by Aviation Week after its on-the-spot survey in Viet Nam:

- Ease of maintenance.
- Apparent less vulnerability to ground fire than bigger fighter-bombers. The F-5 had not attacked targets in North Viet Nam, however.
- An "exceptionally" stable weapons platform.
- Excellent acceleration and climb—after bombs have been jettisoned.

The magazine lists these limitations:

- "Excessive" jamming of the guns and difficulties with

the bomb release mechanism. —Damage to jet engines caused by their sucking in foreign objects, including steel particles from jammed ammunition. This required shipment of 41 engines back to the U.S.

- Limited range, even with moderate bomb load (about 100 miles with 1½-ton load).

The other countries besides Canada which are acquiring the F-5 are Norway, Greece, Turkey, Spain, The Philippines, South Korea, Iran and Nationalist China. Thailand and South Viet Nam may also get them.

JUPITER FOGS SCIENCE
The day on Jupiter, about 10 hours long, varies in length for no known reason.

PISQUID EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay were visitors in Charlottetown Monday.

Mrs. Wallace Birt and Mr. Edgar Birt were visitors in Charlottetown Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Hendricks were in Charlottetown Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Birt, Sherwood were recent visitors at the home of Mr. George Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. William Birt Sherwood were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Birt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Woodridge.

Mrs. J.P. Hendricks and Mrs. Floyd Jay attended the Home and School meeting at St. Teresa, Wednesday.



NOMINATED FOR CANADIAN AWARD

Jeeter's Standard Lee has been nominated for consideration as All Canadian Jersey senior yearling bull. The animal is owned jointly by George MacMillan, Cornwall and Albert J. Boswell, Marshfield. He was the grand champion Jersey bull at Charlottetown last August and the reserve grand champion at the Atlantic Winter Fair, Halifax in November of last year.

HUNTER'S CORNER

Rifle Finally Banned By Fish And Game Association

For many years this columnist fought against the Queens County branch of the Fish and Game Association in their efforts to have the 22 cal rifle being allowed as a legal weapon for hunting game. A tight little clique in Charlottetown kept hammering away for this privilege and eventually were successful in their efforts but only after a stumbling block was removed from the Game Association heading and this was the word "Protection" the association's heading. It was originally known as the "Fish and Game Protection Association". In this era it is anything but a protection agency.

I note with some satisfaction that the Kings Game Association Branch in Souris have gone on record as being fully aware of the harm the 22 cal. rifle has caused to our wildlife. Quote: "It was agreed by members of the branch that the 22 calibre rifle should not be used for hunting". I am very much afraid that even this barring of the twenty-two as a legal hunting weapon would be too little and too late.

Before the 22 was allowed for use on game, or for anything except as a target rifle, the Souris area was a veritable paradise for the nature lover. I have strolled the old Tarantum Road—four miles and the wealth of bird life was something out of this world. Today it is nothing but a "ghost trail". The same goes for the Glen and the Father James Road. The late J. Frank Stiers told me he was moved to the verge of tears on Saturday's and Sunday afternoon to see gangs of juveniles—four and five in a group—heading for the woods where they sniped at anything that moved either furred or feathered. As targets got scarce they moved farther afield

and eventually the Tarantum Road was reached. I remember the old Tarantum Road when it was free from two-legged vandals. There were native partridge coveys' dusting every half mile or so. Rabbits were hopping across the road... once a highway but then it was made to order woodland trail... every hundred yards. The wealth of song bird life was something out of this world. Blue Jays... yellow hammers... Flickers really... woodpeckers, chickadees, tom tits, etc. A couple of years ago a friend of mine reported he had covered miles of that road on foot and it resembled a morgue. He saw three rabbits and one native partridge along with a few tom tits and a couple of woodpeckers. Even the 22 rifle vandals are finding targets so scarce they have given it up as a non-productive stroll... no targets to shoot at except trees and they can find them nearer home.

Before the twenty-two was allowed as a legal hunting weapon approximately 50 wildgeese wintered at Rollo Bay for years. When the geese moved out of range of the twenty-two... or at least effective 22 cal range... 303 cal. army rifle were brought into play—exciting. An old-time goose hunter stopped me on the street not long ago... a Kings county nimrod... and informed me that he didn't get a shot at a wildgoose all fall. He only hunted once. He found out that the sizable flock of wildgeese in the area had been driven out by rifle enthusiasts and heavier than a twenty-two were used. Where do we go from here is the burning question troubling hunters at the moment. They don't as yet realize that they themselves are merely reaping what they sowed.

TODAY'S CURLING DRAWS

The following is today's draw at the Charlottetown Curling Club (Storey Electric Trophy):

- Ice 1 — R. Carr, L. Campbell, J. Keith, H. Campbell vs H. Dobson, W. Carr, A. MacNeill, K. Doucette.
- Ice 2 — K. Kennedy, J. Hughes, H. MacLennan, H. MacLaughlin vs J. Vautour, J. MacLean, H. Mitton, M. MacLean.
- Ice 3 — R. Ewing, A.E. Piercey, J. Pierce, M. MacFadyen vs E. MacCallum, F. Miles, G. Wright, H. Crockett.
- Ice 4 — Dr. L. Prowse, N. Kelly, H. Rector, D. Mosher vs E. MacDonald, A. McEwen, S. Willis, D. Cosgrove.
- Ice 5 — B. Smith, A. Leaman, G. Newman, J. Anderson vs B. MacNeill, D. MacKay, G. Schleyer, F. Callaghan.

- Ice 1 — K. Acorn, V. Mitton, B. Stevenson, L. Carragher vs H. McInnis, B. Webster, H. Love, D. MacLean.
- Ice 2 — B. LeClair, G. Miller, N. Dooley, D. Pickard vs D. Wonnacott, H. Thomsen, I. MacNevin, A. Tulle.
- Ice 3 — L. Johnston, L. Bagnall, S. Harper, Dr. D. MacDonald vs T. Whitlock, B. Rogerson, B. Hopkins, P. Tanton.
- Ice 4 — E. Gillespie, C. Downie, C. MacDonald, H. Coffin vs E. Nicholson, B. Jones, E. Ford, J. Dennis.
- Ice 5 — W. Storey, A. Bagnall, H. Edwards, G. Proactor vs A. Jones, B. Boyles, G. Brookins, A. Trewin.

Millview Capitals Grab First Place

The Millview Capitals remained in first place as a result of their 5-1 victory over Pownal in a regular Central Queens Rural Hockey League game played Wednesday night at the Saint Dunstan's rink. In other games played Wednesday night Covehead defeated Southport 7-4, while West Royalty crushed the last place Alexandra team 10-0. This league plays three games every Wednesday night at SDU rink. Following are the results of Wednesday's games:

- First game — Covehead 7 — Southport 4.
- Fred Morrison, H. Hughes, and D. Hughes each scored twice for the winners while N. Morrison picked up a singleton. Frank Coady, J. MacDonald, and E. McKaren with a pair rounded out the scoring for the losers.
- Second game, Millview 5, Pownal 1.
- D. Wood paced the winners with two goals while singles went to Ivm Brown, Sam Tibbo and Thomas Rice. Pownals only goal was scored by R. Smallwood.
- Paced by the four goal effort of Jimmy Dowling, West Royalty blanked Alexandra 10-0. Other goals were scored by Basil McLennan, A. MacKinnon, K. Griffin, A. MacInnis, J. MacInnis and T. Gauthier.
- Standings will be in next week.

Drug Director Has Warning

OTTAWA (CP) — Physicians, clinics and hospitals were warned by the federal food and drug directorate Wednesday night not to use existing stocks of Jintan hypodermic and blood needles distributed under the brand name Medijet. A number of samples examined showed bacterial contamination and the situation presents a potential health hazard, Dr. R. A. Chapman, head of the directorate, said in statement. The needles are sold by Standard Surgical Supply Ltd. and Standard Hospital Supply Ltd. with branches in Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver, he said. The director has asked the companies to recall the needles.

MINOR HOCKEY SCHEDULE

There will be no regular scheduled play this weekend in the Paperweight Division it was announced yesterday by the Charlottetown Minor Hockey executive because of previous ice-time arrangements with Prince of Wales College. The ice-time for the Paperweights between 4 and 6 p.m. on Saturday has been allotted to P.W.C. for their annual hockey game with Kings College as part of P.W.C.'s Winter Carnival Program.

The C.M.H.A. executive also wish to bring to the attention of all minor hockey coaches and players that it is essential to get in all monies and tickets that are still outstanding for Minor Hockey Week, and would appreciate their co-operation in having all returns made by this weekend.

The following is the Charlottetown Minor Hockey League playing schedule for Friday and Saturday of this week:

- BANTAM**
- Friday, Feb. 4th, 5 p.m. — Aces vs Indians; 6 p.m. — Bears vs Barons.
- Saturday, Feb. 5th, 12.30 p.m. — Maroons vs Blades; 7 p.m. — Bisons vs Ramblers; 7.50 p.m. — Comets vs Hornets; 8.40 p.m. — Senators vs Clippers.
- PEE WEE**
- Saturday, Feb. 5th, 7 p.m. — Wolves vs Zebras; 7.45 a.m. — Coyotes vs Elks; 8.30 a.m. — Otters vs Lions; 9.15 a.m. — Settlers vs Rams; 10 a.m. — Ice Cleaning; 10.15 a.m. — Foxes vs Springers; 11 a.m. — Caribous vs Seals; 11.45 a.m. — Racoons vs Bisons.

RIFLE SHOOT

The following are the results of the shoot held by the Charlottetown Civilian Rifle Association Tuesday night February 1, at the RCMP Rifle Range. The next shoot will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8. All interested riflemen are invited to attend.

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| Bob Barwise | 99 |
| Al Mutch | 99 |
| Ralph Jenkins | 97 |
| Wilbur Birt | 95 |
| Doug Wood | 95 |
| Perley Taylor | 95 |
| Edgar Jones | 94 |
| Howe Clark | 94 |
| Angus MacLeod | 93 |
| Barry Mellish | 93 |
| Lorne Stevenson | 93 |
| George Jenkins | 90 |
| Sharon MacLeod | 89 |
| Dan McAskill | 88 |
| Stan MacNeir | 88 |
| Tommy Bensen | 80 |
| Rick Williams | 80 |
| Harvey MacLean | 80 |
| Richie Simpson | 80 |
| Billy Bowerbank | 80 |
| Ben Bowerbank | 80 |
| Ken Doiron | 80 |
| Brian MacRae | 80 |

Steel Co. Profit Declines Slightly

HAMILTON (CP)—Net profit of the Steel Co. of Canada Ltd. declined slightly in 1965 to \$45,453,870 or \$1.80 a share from \$43,630,494 or \$1.91 in 1964. Sales rose to \$516,405,960 compared with \$447,822,640, while iron production was 3,846,214 net tons compared with 3,478,698 tons.

In an interim report to shareholders, President V. W. Scully said capital spending in 1965 was \$76,000,000, with another \$190,000,000 to be invested during the next two or three years. ADVANCE—6:30 p.m. EST MON Jan. 31

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