

Austerity barely touches Enheat

Operations at the No. 2 plant of the Enamel and Heating Products Limited, (Enheat) continued as a fast pace throughout 1962, and officials reported that the government's austerity program produced little or no effect.

It was reported that out of all the aircraft industrial plants across Canada, the one at Charlottetown was one of the very few in the country that was forced to make any cut in its operations or in manpower.

The plant, which is employed on a government contract, overhauling Sabre jets for the RCAF, is required to complete full maintenance on at least 10 aircraft within each 12 month period.

17th SABRE

John B. Morley, local superintendent, said that in December of last year, the 17th Sabre to be completed since the plant started operations in the spring of 1961, was tested and delivered. Four others of the next year's quota were also in various stages of over-haul.

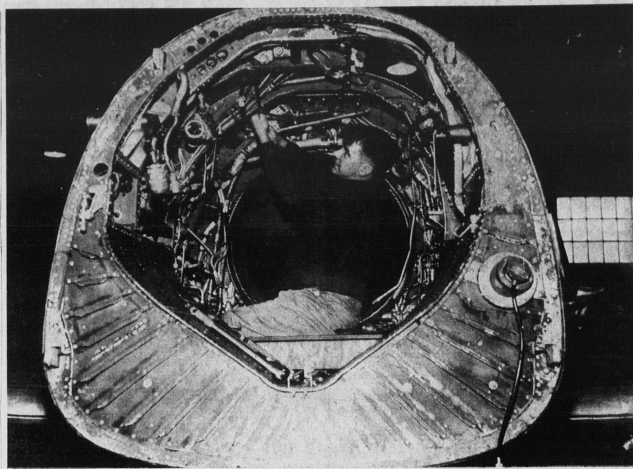
The company's plans are based on the minimum of taking one Sabre in hand each month, and so far this has been achieved.

Officials reported that loss of the Lancaster contract had no ill effects on local plant operations. Only one of these machines had been received when the contract was discontinued, and no expansion had been made either in the plant or in complement.

The local operation now employs 35 persons, of which five are women, four are RCAF and two from Canada; these latter are all technicians. Of the 44 men and five women only two are not drawn from the Island labor force.

BETTER WORKMEN

In regard to those from the Island, plant officials are very



17th RENOVATED SABRE JET ROLLED OFF LINES IN DECEMBER

enthusiastic about their capabilities. One official said he considered Islanders to be better workmen than many of their counterparts employed in mainland plants, capable of turning out work of the highest quality.

Mr. Morley said that the original group that had been taken on, and which he had taken for an eight-week course

in Montreal. "When they returned here, in time to tackle the first Sabre, the Islanders went at the job, with complete confidence, giving the appearance of years of experience behind them."

In regard to contractors under the CAIR program company officials, indicated that it will

again be renewed on the Sabres. Whatever other aircraft maintenance contracts the government may have in mind is not known yet. A close watch is being kept

on future contracts and Enheat is hopeful that they will be able to be successful in any bids they may make.

It was during 1962 that Mr. Morley was able to report that Sabre CAIR program had hit full stride. Both the RCAF and department of defence production expressed pleasure and approval at this announcement. Canadian service representatives, headed by James Grindlay, were surprised that such a program could be transplanted with so few complications.

Since the plant went into operation, Enheat mechanics have successfully dealt with just about every known problem that could come up.

Under normal conditions, the hanger, housing the plant, contains four or five Sabres in various stages of checkout. Each craft entails some 2,000 items to be checked plus 18 modifications, on some of the older Sabres, as many as 89 modifications have been required.

On arrival of the plant an aircraft is checked by the company inspector, this is followed by a second inspection by RCAF technicians, before the work required is authorized.

QUALITY CONTROL

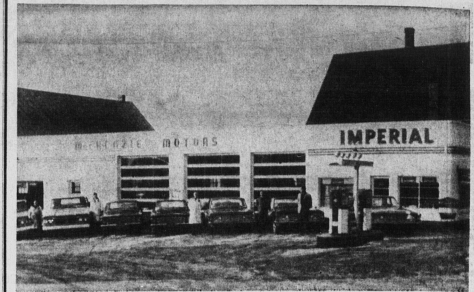
Of the two resident Canadian representatives, one is responsible for quality control and the other for technical assistance. Any engineering problems that cannot be dealt with on the spot are referred to the engineering representative or direct to Canada in Montreal.

Under the contract, most defective parts are replaced with

either new or reconditioned units. Unserviceable units are generally returned to the manufacturer of the firm holding the contract for repair. Having been thoroughly evaluated, ready for test flights by the plant completely reworked. Canadair and RCAF pilots.

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