

Jet Helicopter For Navy Use Is Not Regarded As Good Bet

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OTTAWA (CP)—It's a good bet that the Royal Canadian Navy, like the RCAF, won't get a new manned jet interceptor, informants said Monday.

The navy itself, let alone the government, hasn't made up its mind yet on this problem, basically the same as that in the air force.

The carrier-borne Banshee jets, which provide air defence for the Atlantic fleet, still have a few years of usefulness. A compact, inexpensive, long-range ship-to-air missile which could fit onto a destroyer and take over the interceptor role has not yet been developed.

But defence planners are hoping that such a missile will come along in time to make unnecessary acquisition of a manned interceptor replacement for the Banshee.

OTHER POSSIBILITY

There is also the possibility that the navy will accept the risk of no air defence at all for the fleet and concentrate strictly on improved means of detecting and destroying submarines.

If the navy discards interceptors, the aircraft carrier Bonaventure likely will carry more helicopters besides her Tracker anti-submarine planes, informants said.

The navy has done a lot of experimenting with helicopters as submarine hunters and it is planned that some destroyers and the new 22,000-ton tanker supply ship will carry them.

The helicopter's ability to hover permits it to lower sub-detecting sonar into the ocean. Naval egg-beaters also carry torpedoes.

NOT SO EXPENSIVE

Air defence, discussed here last week by Sir Charles Lambe, Britain's first sea lord, and Vice-Admiral Harry DeWolf, chief of Canadian naval staff, is not the costly matter it is in the RCAF.

The navy had to spend only \$27,500,000 for 39 American Banshees, including lifetime spare parts. Re-equipping the RCAF's nine home defence squadrons with a new interceptor would cost

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in the neighborhood of \$500,000,000.

It is interesting to note that the Banshee is better equipped for air defence than the RCAF CF-100 jet because it carries the operationally-proved American air-to-air sidewinder missile. The CF-100 carries no missile at all.

In fact, when the navy's two Banshee squadrons are not at sea they fit into the North American Air Defence System and are exercised in this role.

It's a small world. Mr. Alex MacKinnon received a letter recently from his son Derek's wife from Geneva, Switzerland, in which she said she and Derek had been guests at a party where they met a man from Georgetown. They had a fine time, discussing the people they both knew. This man happened to be Dr. Renton, of Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Llewellyn and son Wayne, returned home last week from Trenton, Ontario, where they had been visiting their son Everett Llewellyn, who is a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and Mrs. Llewellyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacLean, of Charlottetown, were weekend guests of Mrs. MacLean's sister Mrs. John P. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald.

Friends of Captain John Dicks are pleased to hear that he has returned home after receiving treatment in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Mrs. J. W. Lavers and daughter Corinne, motored to Montague on Friday.

Miss Sheila DeLory returned home on Friday from Halifax N.S., where she visited her brother, Mr. Richard DeLory, and Mrs. DeLory.

Friends of Miss Rose Mary Curley are pleased to hear that she has returned to her home at Brudenell, after being a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mrs. Pat Lawrance and daughter Patricia and Mrs. Henry Deveau of Springfield, Mass., motored to Georgetown last week. They were accompanied by their

father, Mr. Michael Burke, Sr., who was returning home from a visit with them in Springfield.

Mr. Milton Rodgeron of Peakes, Sheriff of Kings County, was a business visitor to Georgetown last week.

Mr. Harry Yorston, recently motored to Fire Islands, N.S., and on his return he was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Roland Marsh, who will visit her mother, Mrs. Mary Yorston.

Mrs. Norman Lowther, Barrister of Georgetown, was a recent business visitor to Georgetown.

Mrs. Howie Gardiner of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Publicover.

Talks Planned On Congo Colony

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Belgium Tuesday announced plans for talks later this month with political leaders of its violence-plagued Congo colony in Africa.

The announcement of a round-table conference in the Belgian Congo between Nov. 20 and 30 followed a weekend of rioting linked with African nationalist demands for the colony's immediate independence.

Auguste de Schryver, Congo affairs minister, told parliament he will preside at the conference. The Congo political leaders will be able to give their views on the future of an independent Congo state, he reported.

After native riots early this year in the Congo capital at Leopoldville, the Belgian government unveiled plans to give the Negroes a bigger say in the colony's affairs. On Oct. 16 de Schryver outlined a step-by-step plan leading toward independence for the Congo after four years.

RIOTS KILL 20

Tuesday's conference announcement came after a weekend in which troops and rioting Africans clashed at Stanleyville. Officials set the death toll at 20 but other reports claimed it was as high as 75.

De Schryver said the Congo conference will be a general discussion enabling Congolese leaders to express their views.

He spoke before a special parliamentary session of the Congo's political future. It was called before the Stanleyville violence.

Deploing the Stanleyville clashes, de Schryver referred to Patrice Lumumba, a Congo na-

BALKAN PEACE PLAN

VIENNA (Reuters) — A short wave radio broadcast in Romanian heard here early Tuesday said the recent visit of Premier Khrushchev to Romania was in connection with the calling of a conference of the Balkan countries. The radio, whose country of origin could not be established, said this conference was in connection with the plan proposed earlier by Romanian Premier Chivu Stoica for creation of a pact for mutual help and security between the Balkan lands. Turkey had turned down this plan but Yugoslavia and Greece had received it favorably.

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