

Noted British Plane Designer Building Prototype of Powerful Pint-Sized Jet



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By ARCH MacKENZIE
LONDON (CP)—A top British plane designer is working on a powerful rocket jet fighter, only a third as heavy and a quarter as expensive as the conventional type.

The pint-sized plane will give nothing away to ordinary-sized competitors except size, claims W. E. W. Petter, who designed

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the record-breaking Canberra jet bomber used by the R.A.F. Petter is building a prototype of the little plane, dubbed the Gnat. He expects it to be a potent anti-fighter or bomber weapon, and at the same time to be four to five times as fast to produce than bigger planes.

The statistics listed by Petter smack of the lightweight fighter craft turned out by the Japanese during the Second World War, cashing in on economy and manoeuvrability at the expense of the pilot's lack of armor protection.

The resemblance is only skin deep, however. Petter's plans discount the possibility of the Gnat being merely an expendable addition to existing armaments.

What he has in mind is a heavy-hitting fighter, with swept wings, two 20 or 30-millimetre guns, light ejector seat, radio, big body fuel tanks and possible radar range-finding equipment for the guns.

Petter estimates the combined weight of the necessary equipment plus pilot may total only 2,250 pounds, 40 per cent of the plane's total weight. He calls his hypothetical craft a practical flying weapon whose short production time and saving on man-hours in construction "makes possible efficient production in many countries which might otherwise not be able to contribute to their own and North Atlantic Treaty Organization defence."



RODEO TIME AT THE 26th ANNUAL two-day Ponoka Stampede, near Edmonton, brings out the best in broncos and bronco-riders. More than 12,000 jammed the grounds to see this Alberta cowboy hand battle his wild mount for the required eight-second ride.

Canadian Planes In Air Show

SOESTERBERG AIRBASE Holland (CP)—Canada's contribution toward arming North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations will be exhibited here July 18 when the Royal Netherlands Air Force celebrates its 40th anniversary with a display of jet strength.

More than 400 planes from Canada and seven other NATO nations will join in Western Europe's biggest air show, from the field where the first Netherlands air force plane took off in 1913.

Representing Canada will be three squadrons of Canadian-built Sabre jet fighters from the RCAF's No. 3 fighter wing at Zweibruecken, Germany. Leading them will be Wing Cmdr. R. T. P. Davidson of Vancouver.

With the United States and the United Kingdom, Canada has supplied arms and training to the rebuilt Netherlands air force, as she has to France, Denmark, Italy and Belgium.

Supplied under her two-year \$361,383,000 mutual aid program have been armaments, ammunition, jet engines and other equipment. Last year, she trained 1,400 pilots and navigators for continental NATO countries. Chief of honor at the air show will be Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.

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By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

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Halibut Landings

A total of 117,000 pounds of halibut were sold by Canadian vessels yesterday at the highest price thus far this week paid on the exchange was 18.9 for mediums on July 7.

Landings
July 6—Kingfisher (American) 30,500, 18.6, 18, 14, Atlin; Capella, 19,000, 18.3, 18, 14, Cold Storage.

July 7—Teeny Milly, 30,000, 18.9, 18, 14, Cold Storage; Margaret I, 55,500, 18.9, 18.4, 14, Atlin; Atlin sold 35,000 to Co-op.

July 8—St. John (American) 30,000, 18.6, 17, 12, Pacific; Deep Sea, 10,000, 17.5, 16, 12, Royal; B.C. Clipper, 77,000, 18, 17.1, 12, Cold Storage; Mother III, 30,000, 18.1, 16.6, 12, Atlin.

P. Doreen with 23,000, Forty with 22,000, Fredelia III with 43,000, Embia with 22,000, Viking I with 16,000 making a total of 129,000 pounds all sold to Co-op.

July 9—Twinkle, 22,000, 18.5, 17.5, 12, Cold Storage; Haida Chief, 40,000, 18.6, 17.7, 12, Atlin; Northern Breeze with 45,000 pounds and Tramp with 21,000 sold to Co-op.



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CNR Starts Training Younger Men

SHERBROOKE, Que.—Within the next 15 years most of the present supervisory officers on the Canadian National Railway's system will retire.

To prepare a corps of equally capable men to replace them the C.N.R. has started a staff training course.

S. F. Dingle, vice-president in charge of operations told the Sherbrooke Rotary Club the course is not intended to replace the know-how that comes from study and experience on the job but to provide the supervisor with a broader knowledge of the company's operations.

The need for supervisors will increase, he said, with the present "new railway building era." He referred to new lines being built by the C.N.R. to Lynn Lake, Manitoba, and from Terrace to Kitimat.

"We have had to greatly extend our yard facilities and industrial trackage. The scope of our service has been widened to include the expeditious movement of all types of traffic passenger, freight, refrigerated shipments, express, terminal and switching service and the introduction of motor vehicles to coordinate truck-train service.

"Further improvements include a radio for yard work, installation of more automatic signals, and the mechanization of our maintenance of way operations. These improvements will create new positions and we must have men trained to step into them," he said.

Spokane Pilot Edges Yakima

Don Osborn, manager of Spokane's Western International League baseball entry, scraped the bottom of the barrel for pitchers Thursday night and came up with—Don Osborn. It was a judicious choice.

The 43-year-old veteran sent himself to the mound in the top of the ninth against Yakima after George New, the third relief pitcher, loaded the bases.

Osborn fired three straight strikes at Ted Edmunds. That retired the side with the score 6-6.

In the bottom of the ninth Bill Sheets singled home Carl Rush to give Spokane a 7-6 edge and lift the Indians a full game in front of Salem Senators who took the night off.

Elsewhere around the league, Lewiston shellacked Wenatchee 12-3, Vancouver whipped Edmonton 9-1, and Victoria downed Calgary 5-2.

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