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N.Z. Air Trooping

TRANSPORTATION of troops to and from Korea by air has been approved as a method by the New Zealand Cabinet, which has voted an estimated expenditure of about £250,000 for the purpose. If the war continues, some 600 troops will be flown each way between New Zealand and Korea during the coming year. Charter aircraft will be used.

Recognition Record

FOR its All-England Contest on January 17th the Aircraft Recognition Society has received a record entry of 80 teams, includ-ing one from the Royal Netherlands Air Force. The contest is to be held (2.15 p.m.) in the lecture-hall of the Royal Institution, London; there is room for a limited num-ber of spectators. Hon. secretary of the A.R.S. is Mr. Gerald Pollinger, 39/40 Bed-ford Street, London, W.C.2.

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THE death has taken place in Chicago, at die age of 66, of Maj. Rudolph Schroeder. In 1920, flying a liberty-engined Lepere biplane, he raised the world's aeroplane altitude from 20,080ft to 38,180ft; he nearly lost his life in the attempt, for his oxygen supply failed and the aircraft dived to 2,000ft before he regained consciousness. Formerly assistant director of the U.S. Bureau of Air Commerce, he was a vice-president of United Air Lines at the time of his death.

Norwegian-U.S. Co-operation

THE head of the U.S. Military Air Office in Oslo, Admiral J. H. Foskett, said recent-ly that 1,031 men of the Norwegian Air Force had been trained in the United States and that another 269 were training there now. The U.S. Air Office, he added, had also helped the Norwegian Air Force to establish a fully up-to-date calculating system. This made it possible to obtain a survey of stocks and consumption of equipment in a matter of a few hours. The Norwegian Air Force was the first of the NATO military services to adopt this system of checking.

AVON-POWERED is the Saab A-32 Lansen ground-attack aircraft, the first flying picture of which is reproduced here. Provision is made for an afterburner. The Fowler-type flaps and flush intakes are both visible, and leading-edge slats can just be discerned.

Derbyshir e Helicopter Site

CHESTERFIELD Corporation has an-
nounced that Plover Hill Farm, Hady, has
been bought for development as a heli-
copter landing ground. It is hoped to use the site, which covers 83 acres, as a feeder-line station for Ringway Airport, Man-chester. By train the journey takes over two hours, whereas by helicopter it would occupy only 25 minutes.

FACTS ABOUT HELICOPTERS
A FORTNIGH T hence—on Fri-
day, January 23rd—the special Helicopter Number of Flight will be
published. Particularly well illus-
trated, it will contain articles—
some by specialist contributors—on
past, present and future aspects of helicopter design and operation.

Wome n Aspirant s i n N.Z. Race
TH E Australian Women Pilots' Associa-tion is, as already reported, hoping to enter an Anson in the transport handicap section of the London to New Zealand Race. It is now stated that the crew will probably consist of Miss Freda Thompson, Mrs. Gertrude McKenzie and Miss Constance Jordan. The Association's secretary, Mrs. Maud Gardner, is at present preparing a history of Australia's women pilots.

Bombs in its Delhi ?

CAPTION to a photograph (reproduced upside down) in an Indian transport journal: "An air picture of the Gloster G.A.5 Javelin Delta all-weather fighter which appeared at the S.B.A.C. Display at Farnborough. This Atom Bombay-Destroyer is the only aircraft capable of over coming the vision barrier."

Coincidence

UNDERSTANDABLY, perhaps, some readers have wondered if last week's article on the activities of K.L.M., appearing under the name of Robert Blackburn, was the work of the well-known chairman of Blackburn and General Aircraft, Ltd. The author was, of course, the Robert Black-burn—no relative—who is the member of Flight's staff particularly concerned with commercial aviation.

Or do they Mean Dollars ?
ACCORDING to a United Air Lines publicity release, a San Francisco bank employee flies to Los Angeles and back (a 1,000-mile journey) five nights a week, carrying cancelled cheques and other non-negotiable material. The statement adds that "... he has spent 300,000 hours aloft in the past 18 months—and loves it." The method by which he has whiled away some 34 years in 18 months is not revealed. Perhaps the hour has been devalued.

CO-OPERATIVE TUNNEL:
Architect's perspective
sketch of the A.R.A.
transonic wind-tunnel,
described in last week's
issue. Estimated date of
completion is 1955, and
the total cost of the
project one - and - a • half
million pounds.