

our Albatross aircraft and search-and-rescue Dakotas as the new aircraft come into service. We shall also make some adjustments to our present helicopter distribution.

### Training Command

Training Command will reflect the reduced size of the forces. The Dakota navigation trainer (23 aircraft) will be retired in 1972 and replaced with the Cosmopolitans from Air Transport Command. During 1970, our Tutor and T33 trainer fleet in this command will be reduced. We shall retire the C-45 Expediter trainer (53 aircraft) also during 1970.

### Reserves and Cadets

We intend to reduce the size of our reserve forces and we are consulting with the Conference of Defence Associations on how we can make the most effective use of a smaller reserve force in support of our revised regular force. I should stress, however, that the reserves will continue to play a significant role in our defence structure.

Our support for the cadet program will continue at the present level of 100,000 cadets.

### Base Closures

Some weeks ago, I announced the closing of a number of bases and facilities. At that time, I said a further announcement regarding a small number of other bases would be forthcoming. This is still the case. Final decisions have not yet been made on these bases, but I expect to be able to make an announcement in a few weeks' time.

### Personnel

To operate the re-configured force I have just described, we shall require approximately 82,000 military personnel and 30,000 civilians. This will mean a reduction of something in the order of 16,000 military and 5,000 civilian positions over the next three years. I previously announced that we should not institute a plan of forced attrition of military personnel for the purpose of reaching the new force levels. This is still our intention, and, in fact, we shall continue recruiting at a reduced but still substantial level. A determined effort will be made to assist civilian personnel in finding new employment either in or out of the public service.

### National Development

The Defence Department is vitally interested in, and is contributing to, Government studies now going on concerning use of the forces in the field of national development. Particularly, we are interested in such subjects as government maritime operations, government air transport activities, engineering development and international economic aid. The Department has traditionally been in the forefront of national development and can be expected to contribute significantly in the future.