

*New Equipment*

11. Your Committee noted that the proportion of budgetary allocations for the acquisition of equipment has been declining in relation to total defence allocation. The Committee recommends that a serious study of the implications of this trend be undertaken.

*Anti-submarine Defence*

12. The Committee heard evidence as to the substantial submarine threat and the possibility that some submarines may be capable of mounting missile attacks against this continent. Your Committee noted that substantial sums are provided in the estimates to improve the anti-submarine capability of the fleet and anti-submarine air arms of both the R.C.N. and R.C.A.F. Your Committee recommends intensive study of the advantages of acquiring submarines for anti-submarine operations which could also meet the peacetime training requirements of the R.C.N.

*Research and Development*

13. Your Committee observed that there has been some reduction in the budgetary allocation for research development. Your Committee believes that it is in the best interest of the growth of Canada's industrial and scientific strength actively to continue in the field of research development.

*Canadian Brigade in Europe*

14. Your Committee noted the Canadian Brigade Group in Europe had been provided with increased fire-power and that sufficient vehicles had been provided to transport all personnel of the brigade. The 762 mm. rocket and its launcher are being acquired and provision is made to complete the development of the Bobcat in the 1960-61 estimates. Also, consideration is being given to the provision of helicopters. The Committee supports these developments to maintain and improve the brigade's mobility and recommends that, if the development of the Bobcat is completed successfully, a decision be taken as soon as is practicable with respect to equipping the brigade with these vehicles and with helicopters.

*Allowances to Personnel Overseas*

15. While recognizing that the payment of family allowances is not the direct responsibility of the department, your Committee considers that further consideration should be given by the departments responsible with a view to removing financial discrimination suffered by any service personnel on overseas duty.

*Design and Development Personnel*

16. Your Committee examined the matter of the number of architects and engineers employed by the Department of National Defence for design and development purposes. It recommends that a careful examination be made to determine whether the use of such personnel for other than advisory and supervisory functions is of real value and more economic than the placing of greater reliance on independent consultants.

*Flying by Senior Officers*

17. The Committee noted with regret the loss to the service of the country of senior air officers due to accidents while flying. In the interests of continuity