

Half of the squadron's groundcrew will accompany the unit overseas. They will precede the jet passage by North Star transport and await the arrival of the jets with the other half of the groundcrew, which will be drawn from Air Division personnel.

Later this year, the fourth and final CF-100 squadron will follow 440 to Germany, and will be located at No. 4 Fighter Wing, Baden-Soellingen.

As No. 440 Squadron takes off from Bagotville on its flight to Germany, No. 413, a Sabre unit based at Zweibrucken, will be disbanded. Simultaneously, a new CF-100 squadron will be formed at Bagotville and will take the designation, 413 from the disbanded Sabre squadron.

CADETS FOR BISLEY: Twelve teen-age sharpshooters of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, selected from corps across the country, have been chosen to represent Army cadets in rifle matches at Bisley, England, this summer. The matches will be in competition against marksmen from all parts of the Commonwealth.

The cadets will leave Montreal July 2, aboard the "Empress of England" and will arrive at Liverpool July 8.

During their stay in the United Kingdom, the cadets will tour many points of interest, and arrangements are being made for them to visit the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in West Germany.

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NEW DOLLAR: A new Canadian silver dollar, showing a totem pole in gold relief, will commemorate British Columbia's centennial in 1958. It will mark the 100th anniversary of the creation of B.C. as a Crown colony and the 1858 gold rush. The reverse impression of the coin will show a large totem pole against a background of mountains and the words "Canada" and "British Columbia" will follow the curve of the coin's rim. Design for the new dollar was created by sculptor Stephen Trank of Thornhill, Ont.

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NATIONAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE: The Province of Prince Edward Island announced on April 10 its willingness to enter the proposed National Hospital Insurance scheme. The federal proposal for a cost-sharing agreement with the provinces for the provision of hospital insurance developed out of protracted federal-provincial discussion and negotiation and was based on the entry of a minimum of 10 provinces representing more than half the Canadian population. Prior to the Prince Edward Island decision to enter the scheme Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Newfoundland had indicated their willingness to take part in the insurance plan and the federal government issued the following statement in Ottawa April 10: "We will now proceed immediately to bring federal hospital insurance legislation into force by proclamation and to take whatever further steps may be required to help in bringing hospital insurance to the people of the participating provinces at the earliest possible date." Under the scheme, the central administration will share with the provinces roughly on a fifty-fifty basis the cost of launching insurance covering standard hospital care and diagnostic services. The overall scheme may go into effect in January 1959 or perhaps a bit earlier depend-

ing on how soon the provinces can get their plans into operation. While agreements with the provinces may be signed within a few months, it may actually take many months to bring more than a year to get the national plan into operation. The signing of agreements must be followed by the passage of enabling legislation in the provinces which have not already done so. Then administrative machinery must be organized. * * * * *

NIMBLE BAY FLYING: No. 440 All-Weather Fighter Squadron, the first CF-100 squadron to leave Canada for NATO duty with the Air Division in Europe, is scheduled to make its assembly area move during May. It has been announced by Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, that the squadron will be based at RAF Station Baginbun, Co. Kerry, north of Dublin City. No. 440 Squadron will fly its jet interceptors across the Atlantic in what will be known as Operation Nimble Bay III and will be based at No. 3 Fighter Wing, Zweibrucken, Germany, after May 15.

Following the pattern laid by the two previous "Nimble Bay" operations last November and February, the aircraft will cross the northern Atlantic by way of Goose Bay, Florida West One in Greenland, Keflavik in Iceland, Kinross in Scotland and from there to the continental base. The first of the four scheduled Nimble Bay Operations took place last November when No. 440 Squadron flew 15 CF-100s from RAF Station Baginbun, Ontario, to their new base at Mirville in France, the WCAE No. 3 Fighter Wing Nimble Bay II saw No. 440 Squadron as a bridge the Atlantic from their base at RAF Station St. Hubert, Quebec, to No. 3 Fighter Wing, Goose Bay, Newfoundland, and the 440 will be supported by Air Transport Command who take over the responsibility of the long ocean journey from Air Defence Command during aircraft movements for "homing" purposes.