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NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT

To meet the NATO military requirement for an aircraft to be used for ocean reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare, several countries of the Atlantic Alliance have agreed to co-operate in its production.

On 30th January, 1959, their choice fell on the BRUGUET 1150 "Atlantic" proposed by the Société des Ateliers d'Aviation Louis Bréguet.

The project is being implemented and financed jointly by the Governments of the following five countries: the German Federal Republic, the Kingdom of Belgium, the French Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States of America, the latter within the framework of the Mutual Weapons Development Programme.

Responsibility for supervising the project has been vested in the Steering Committee to which the governments have delegated their powers; the actual execution of the work being placed under the supervision of the Direction Technique et Industrielle de l'Aéronautique Française.

For the purpose of this project, Société Bréguet, the parent firm, has formed a consortium with the firms of DORNIER, Germany; ABAP, Belgium; FOKKER, Netherlands, and SUD AVIATION, France.

On 23rd and 24th November, the NATO Maritime Patrol Aircraft Experts met at Toulouse to examine on the spot the progress made with the manufacture of prototypes.

It is noted with pleasure that the work was going forward very satisfactorily in a true spirit of NATO co-operation.

The fully equipped mock-up of the centre-section of the "Atlantic" as well as the fuselage and mid-wing section of the "Atlantic" first prototype are set up at Toulouse-Colomiers in the new assembly workshop recently erected by Société Bréguet.

Personnel from the Netherlands firm of FOKKER are already participating in the work.

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The first flight of the first prototype is scheduled for the autumn of 1961.

The fuselage of the second prototype is now in the course of assembly.

The governments concerned are already studying plans for starting series production at the earliest possible moment.

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CAPTIONS

The attached photographs were taken during the meetings held at Toulouse-Colomiers.

NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT BRÉGUET 1150 "ATLANTIC",
FIRST PROTOTYPE

The NATO Maritime Patrol Aircraft Experts in the new final assembly workshop of Société Bréguet at Toulouse-Colomiers together with D.T.I.A. specialists and Bréguet engineers. They noted with satisfaction the satisfactory progress which was being made with the Bréguet "Atlantic" 1150 first prototype.

NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT BRÉGUET 1150 "ATLANTIC",
SECOND PROTOTYPE

In the new final assembly workshop of the Société Bréguet at Toulouse-Colomiers, personnel of Bréguet (France) and Fokker (Netherlands) are together mounting the mid-wing section on to the fuselage.

NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT BRÉGUET 1150 "ATLANTIC",
FIRST PROTOTYPE

During the visit of the NATO Maritime Patrol Aircraft Experts, the Netherlands representative on the Technical Sub-Committee made a point of personally inspecting the success with which the mid-wing section manufactured by Fokker was being mounted on to the fuselage manufactured by Bréguet.

NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT BRÉGUET 1150 "ATLANTIC",
SECOND PROTOTYPE

General view of the production workshop at the Société Bréguet's factory at Toulouse-Montaudran, where the fuselage of the second prototype of the NATO Maritime Patrol Aircraft "Atlantic" is in the course of manufacture.

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