

" HEAVY AIRCRAFT SALES REPORTED

WASHINGTON, March 4. - State Department statistics disclosed today that foreign nations had placed more than \$3,000,000 worth of orders with American aircraft manufacturers last month.

They showed that foreign purchases of military and non-military aircraft, engines and equipment amounted during the month to \$3,495,434.

Argentina was the largest purchaser - spending \$703,793, of which \$376,000 was for military aircraft.

Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with expenditures of \$610,622, was the second largest."

" CHINA KEEPS LEAD AS AERO  
CUSTOMER

WASHINGTON, March 5. - The Commerce Department, reporting total exports of aeronautical products at \$23,055,761 last year, said China maintained its position as the best market for American aircraft.

China led in purchases of American planes, engines and aeronautical accessories for the third successive year, sales last year totalling \$7,185,556. The next best customer for United States aircraft was Argentina, with purchases totalling \$2,269,914. "

Mr. Wackett remarks;-

" Our License with N.A.A. permits us to sell in China. There is a market there.

Note that Great Britain bought over \$600,000 of American aircraft during ONE MONTH."

" ARMY BOMBER BIDS DISCLOSED

Air Corps Engineers Prepare to Submit Recommendations.

DAYTON (O.) March 5. - Army Air Corps engineers today prepared to submit to Army officials at Washington recommendations for the purchase of bombing planes, based on bids submitted by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation of Santa Monica and the North American Aviation Corporation of San Diego.

The twin-motored Douglas bombers were offered the air corps for \$63,977 each if fifty are ordered and the North American bombers for \$122,600 each for the same quantity.

Bids of the two concerns show, Army officers said, that

engines for the ships will be in addition and will average about \$20,000 for each plane, with an extra \$17,000 per plane for other needed equipment.

In the event 250 planes are ordered the Douglas company will build the planes for \$55,917 each or a total of \$13,979,250 as against \$91,600 each for the North American planes or \$22,900,000 for the lot. "

Mr. Wackett remarks:-

"The discrepancy in the bids is due to the N.A.A. Bomber being much larger and more powerful than the Douglas.

Confidential information from the Army and round the works shows that the new N.A.A. bomber is the most powerful military weapon yet produced anywhere. It can carry 4000 lbs of bombs for 3000 miles, with over 250 m.p.h. maximum or 220 cruising.

It is considered that the Army will buy some of these planes. Russia has offered \$500,000 for the design, but this cannot be entertained by the U.S. Army."

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" NORTH AMERICAN GETS \$800,000  
PLANE ORDER.

North American Aviation, Inc., has received an order from the Republic of Argentina for 30 basic training planes involving approximately \$800,000.

Addition of this order to North America's backlog brings total unfilled orders to slightly more than \$6,000,000.

J.H. Kindelberger, president, said: "Current backlog compares with \$5,440,000 reported as of Jan. 20 last, and with approximately \$1,850,000 in unfilled orders held by the company a year ago."

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