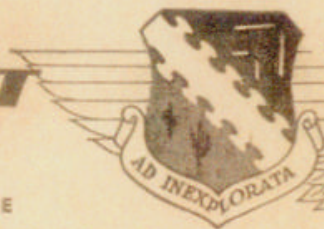


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CH-3C Arrives For Category II Testing

The new USAF Sikorski CH-3C amphibious helicopter arrived Monday at Edwards for a year of Category II testing. The craft was the first of its type to become a part of any service's inventory.

The twin turbine-powered, 10 bladed helicopter is destined for use for missile site support

by SAC, for drone recovery, for limited warfare by TAC, and is scheduled to become a mainstay of MATS proposed world wide space capsule recovery system.

ROKAF Chief To Visit Edwards

Lt. Gen. Sun W. Chang, Republic of Korea Air Force's chief of staff, will couple a visit to the United States Feb. 9-23 with a trip to Edwards for an orientation ride in a T-38, the USAF's first supersonic trainer jet.

General Chang will be in the U. S. as guest of Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Curtis E. LeMay.

Accompanying him to Edwards will be Lt. Col. Ralph R. Curtis, Air Force representative.

In General Chang's party will

Under Capt. Dempse Davis, project officer, and Mr. Edward Seato, project engineer, three pilots, Captains Jim Hanaker, Philip Neal and Paul Balfe, will fly the CH-3C through 200 hours of tests. All are of the Edwards Flight Test Directorate.

According to Captain Hanaker the CH-3 fills the Air Force requirement for a heavy long range support helicopter. The rotary-winged aircraft has a top speed of 143 m.p.h. at sea level and a ceiling about about 20,000 ft. at the mission gross weight of 19,500 lb.

The helicopter is capable of carrying 23 troops, has a rear



NEW USAF HELICOPTER . . . CH-3C will undergo extensive tests here.

'Desert Wings' Named Top Class III Paper In USAF

The DESERT WINGS has been named top Air Force newspaper in Category Three for 1963. The announcement came last week in Washington when Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Curtis E. LeMay revealed all winners of the Eighth Annual USAF Worldwide Newspaper Contest.

1925th Comm. Promotes Seven

Seven airmen of the 1925th Communications Sq. sewed on new stripes Feb. 1, according to the promotion list released by Maj. Kenneth Taylor, squadron commander.

Promoted to Airmen, First