

May we introduce new neighbors. Earl and Mildred Johnstone, who have moved into the Duchene house at 23210 Falena St., and Mildred's mother and father, Charlotte and Harry Jaeger, who make their home with the Johnstones. Originally fram New York City, they have made their abode in Torrance since 1940, so are practically oil residents by now . Before

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Most people think of the famous North American F-86 Sabre Jet, the world's fastest fighter, as a single highly-suc-cessful model of fighting aircraft. Actually, the Sabre Jet is not one

Actually, the Sabre Jet is not one airplane, but five.

They look very much alike — but constant, model-by-model improvement of a single basic design has pyramided the number and nature of the jobs they do.

How did North American bring about this achievement? And what does it mean to you as a taxpayer and how does it affect your security as a citizen?

The secret is in the soundness of the basic design of the airplane. In the last days of World War II and later, North American developed the first American sweptoning design and put it through more than a thousand gruelling, painstaking tests in the company's subsonic wind tunnel. These tests developed vital, basic aerodynamic information available nowhere else in the country.

The resulting design was so "right," aerodynamically speaking, that this sound basic-configuration has stood

the supreme test of being altered relatively little as the airplane proves its flexibility on one task after another, year after year.

At the same time, North American has put the Sabre Jet through a series of constant internal improvements that keep it the fastest fighter in production in the world. Proof: When the world's official speed record was broken recently, it was done by an F-86D Sabre Jet flying at 698.505 mph —to beat a record of 670.8 mph held by an earlier Sabre Jet, the F-86A!

Now, you might say: Well, this is all fine, but what does all this "improvement within basic design" do for me as a citize and taxpayer?

The answer is, plenty. First of all, by altering the Sabre Jet's basic, proved design only enough to let it take on a new job and do it most effectively, North American is saving millions of your tax dollars which would otherwise be used for costly experimentation on five new and separate airplanes—airplanes to do jobs already being done by the Sabre.

Second, it takes three to five years to get an airplane from the idea stage into the air—hundreds of thousands of man-hours of engineering time, acres of drawings for the incredibly complex planes of today, the setting up of thousands of outside suppliers to furnish the thousands of new-plane parts, to name just a few of the problems.

And this cold fact has a direct bearing on your own personal security in the skies, and on that of your family, too.

For when you live in a country that may be called upon to defend itself, you know that paper airplanes on a drawing board aren't of any use in case of attack. Real, tangible airplanes must be in the air in a matter of seconds. And that's where the North American Sabre Jets consess in. Because the original design was good enough to develop five different planes it was able to save, for you and for America, that most precious of all commodities in a defense build-up: TIME.

F-86 Sabre Jets are flying today, protecting your national safety at home and throughout the world.

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