

HELICOPTERS SEEK REBEL HIDEOUTS

By canoes along the Malayan River went the advance party pursuing terrorists. As the Rebels/retreat further and further into the jungle, new tactics are called for. First the party secured an advanced base, no more than a clearing. Necessarily they carried the ^{bare} ~~best~~ minimum of supplies. Nearby presence of the enemy being suspected troops made friends with Aborigines - jungle dwellers - and asked ^{each one} ~~them~~ where the terrorists were hiding. Meanwhile back at headquarters Royal Navy helicopters, American built, stood by for stage 2 of the operation, ~~to~~ to fly Gurkha soldiers to the forward post. By air they could be on the spot in an hour or two, fighting fit, instead of exhausted as they would have been if they'd had to hack their way through the jungle.

(panel) Ordinary aircraft fly too fast to spot the Communist hideouts. The helicopters travelled low and slow enough to see beneath the trees. When they landed the troops the pilots could give vital information to the post Commander. Then, knowing just where the enemy lay, the Gurkhas could go straight into the attack.

It's a winning move against the jungle enemy and ~~to~~ back go the helicopters for more troops and supplies.