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MALAYA - WE'VE BUILT JUNGLE
AIRSTRIP.

Canoes, powered by outboard motor, move deep into the Malayan jungle. Each craft carries a section of a bulldozer which will be reassembled at its destination. This is necessary because helicopters cannot carry the weight, and the thick forest prevents the parts being taken by road transport. The bulldozer is needed to assist men of the Royal Engineers and aborigines to build an airstrip in the jungle.

Naval helicopters fly men and equipment in. Tractors can be brought to the site in this way, but it means 5 or 6 trips. The airstrip will serve the first of eleven forts built at strategic points. It is planned to have an airstrip for each fort so that supplies can be brought in easily to help fight the Communist terrorists and to afford greater protection for the aborigines.

The fleet of canoes arrives, and the navy's there to help unload and assemble the bulldozer. It's no easy task putting the 6-ton giant together without proper workshops. But the Sappers have it in full working order within a couple of days, clearing the scrub and the trees, and levelling the site.

Quickly the airstrip, nears completion, and now the first plane comes in to land. The airstrip, will extend the range and striking power of Malaya's jungle force.