

NEW ARCTIC STATION.61/82

It's the tail end of the brief summer (so called) that they get on Cornwallis Island, 75 degrees North. And working against time they're restocking heavy supplies, before the iron-hard arctic winter clamps down, and rules out any sort of transport except by light airplanes. They've named the place "Resolute" and all the year round the Weather Station is jointly operated by Canadians and Americans.

One of the things they'll leave behind when the heavy transport gets out and the big freeze sets in, is a helicopter, invaluable for hopping about at any time when there's not a blizzard. They're a handy lot at Resolute - they have to be, in that climate - so assembling the 'Copter is child's play.

No hammer wanted.

Commercial flying over the polar regions operates every day of the year; hence the importance of the weather station here on Cornwallis Island. At regular times they release the balloons and what that job's like in the winter can be imagined. And remember, winter up here lasts ten full months.

Wonder how many people, relaxing in airliners over the North Pole, ever give a thought to the tough chaps down at Resolute, who make it safe and comfortable for them ?