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Civilian Fliers Asked To Aid DEW

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's civilian fliers are being asked to lend the North American early warning defence system a hand.

Starting April 1, pilots are to report any unusual sightings on land, sea or in the air, but particularly in the air.

U.S. and Canadian air radio posts have been briefed to handle the reports on an "urgent" basis and pilots are authorized to use the international urgency call if a station doesn't give their message priority.

The new plan is called CIRVIS, pronounced sur-vees.

A transport department information circular to airmen asks them to immediately report anything that appears "hostile, suspicious, or unidentified" and gives as examples: guided missiles, unidentified flying objects, aircraft or their contrails which appear to be directed against North America, submarines, surface warships identified as not Canadian or U.S., or any extraordinary ground activities, particularly in the polar regions or other sparsely populated areas.

OTHERS TO WATCH FOR

To be reported on landing are such indirectly-hostile things as unlisted airfields or fuel dumps, weather stations, radio stations, or air navigation aids.

CIRVIS reports should say in which direction the sighted object is travelling, its altitude and speed, and its general description including size, shape and any identifying marks.

If possible, pilots should track the sighting and amplify their reports or—if things turn out that way—to cancel them.

CIRVIS reports need not be addressed to anyone in particular. Radio stations will automatically pass them on to appropriate defence establishments.

A pilot only has to give the call "CIRVIS, CIRVIS, CIRVIS" and proceed with his report.

The reports are to be made by Canadian pilots flying anywhere over Canada, the U.S., Greenland or Iceland.