



DWARFED BY LOOMING MT. EREBUS, BIG PLANES LOOK LIKE FLIES ON MILE-LONG McMURDO SOUND ICESTRIP.

Busy McMurdo Jumps

No sooner than the weather broke, giant Air Force Globemasters were given the green light to take off from New Zealand. They were to bring in 100 tons of priority cargo.

Four C-124's landed without incident, then the fifth nosed down when its nosewheel collapsed. The plane skidded some 700 feet but nobody was injured and the critical cargo was not hurt.

With the runway obstructed by the crippled Globemaster, Air Force Flight Six was turned back to New Zealand until men and tractors could tow the cripple off to a parking strip.

Formerly peaceful, orderly McMurdo Sound with its winter population of 93 was soon a thriving air terminal of a dozen multi-engined planes and nearly 300 men.

The galley began feeding in shifts. Men moved their bunks closer to make room for new arrivals. Before sufficient Jamesway Huts could be assembled men were berthed in the chapel in sleeping bogs on folding cots.

Maintenance checks were pulled on the planes and single-engine Others, which had come coated inside the Globemasters, were assembled on the ice.