

AIR FORCE PILOTS TRAINING IN FRANCE

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Brasilia--"We eight are no better qualified than other pilots in the Brazilian Air Force," said Col Antonio Henrique Alves dos Santos, chief of the team of officers who went to France to receive training on the supersonic Mirage aircraft bought by Brazil.

Speaking at the auditorium of the Ministry of Aeronautics yesterday, the colonel told about the three-and-one-half month course taught at the Dijon and Colmar bases. He declared that "a number of conditions" led Brazil to choose the French jet after examining those of other nations.

The sixteen Mirage airplanes purchased will not afford an overall defense for Brazil but they "constitute a nucleus which can be enlarged."

Col Antonio Henrique Alves dos Santos says that he and his seven colleagues will be responsible for training other pilots, teaching them the lessons learned in France.

Others who went to France, in addition to the future commander of the First Air Defense Wing are: Lt Cols Jorge Frederico Bins and Ivan Moacir da Frota, and Maj Ronald Eduardo Jaekel. The four received operational training at the Colmar base.

Majs Thomas Anthony Blower and Jose Isaias Villaca learned to operate the flight simulator which will operate in Anapolis while in the Dijon base. Through this flight simulator the pilot effects all maneuvers as if he were in a real Mirage without the mechanical expenses of the aircraft or fuel and ammunition.

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