

TWIN HELICOPTER FOR U.S. MARINES

Two assault squads of marines - 26 men - can pack into the new Sikorsky transport-helicopter. Twin engines drive the big single rotor. When the men are aboard the power-operated doors tuck them up like a fond mother.

Years ago ^{Mr.} Sikorsky put his shirt on ~~helicopters~~ when most folk thought ^{helicopters} them a waste of time. ~~Looking on now a friend of ~~the~~ seems to have put his cap on them too.~~

~~minimum number of marines~~
If it tires of marines the big whirlbird can stow a couple of jeeps. The Pratt and Whitney motors, neatly flanking the bulbous fuselage, cruise the helicopter at more than 150-miles-an-hour - high speed for these uncanny aircraft.

The machine packs into a small space, as the rotor blades can fold up. Forward looking aircraft designers believe that a folding helicopter attachment on airliners would raise and land them vertically. Here and now Sikorsky's produced a ^{helicopter} ~~thing~~ that cocks a snook at the law of gravity, to say nothing of retracting its undercarriage.