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**"POGO" PLANE**

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The Navy's "Pogo plane" is poised for its maiden flight with test pilot "Skeets" Coleman on his back in the cockpit. Slowly, the plane takes off -- straight up -- lifted by ~~xxxx~~ the fifty-eight hundred horsepower turbo-prop engine, working through two sixteen-foot propellers rotating in opposite directions. Gradually, the tail is lifted as the plane moves into position for horizontal flight.

Streaking along at speeds of better than five hundred miles an hour -- first films of the radical delta-wing plane in flight. The plane is controlled by varying the angle or pitch of its propellers, the engine itself operating at constant speed.

The "Pogo plane" starts to climb, while lowering its tail into position for its back-down ~~xxxx~~ landing.

The jet engine kicks up a miniature dust storm as the plane loses altitude -- dramatic proof of the Navy's claims that it can "land on a dime."