

At 8,000 Feet—

Little Curt Louie Arrives in 'Copter

Young Curtis Louie greeted the world on Sunday, January 24. It was a cold, 44 below zero, windy British Columbian night when he was born—in a Trans North Turbo Air helicopter about 8,000 feet above the town of Atlin, British Columbia.

The special stork flight began when local flights were unable to pick up Mrs. Regina Louie, 26, from her home in Iskut Lake due to bad weather in the area.

Mrs. Louie, the mother of six other children, was having a difficult time with the premature birth of her seventh baby.

All ski-equipped fixed wing aircraft were unavailable, so a helicopter brought Dr. T. Albertini of Whitehorse General Hospital to bring her to the hospital

about 4:30 p.m. on January 24.

Shortly afterwards, the helicopter was no longer in such a hurry. Dr. Albertini assisted in the birth of the baby while the plane hurried to land in Atlin, the closest populated spot.

Astonished Trans North helicopter pilot Cliff Armstrong remained at the controls and touched down a few minutes later at Atlin.

Mother and child were brought to the hospital at Whitehorse by 10:00 p.m., where the five pound ten ounce premature baby was placed in an incubator.

Both Canada's first helicopter baby (according to The Whitehorse Star) and his mother were reported in good condition.