the respective selector switch on the bombardier's control panel.

6. A bomb arming solenoid in each external rack is controlled by a switch on the bombardier's panel. A red indicator lamp beside the switch is on when the bombs are armed.

NOTE: Some B-17s airplanes not equipped for external racks have only two selector switches and no bomb-arising switch on the bombardier's panel. A few airplanes have no rack selector switch on the bombardier's panel but have a three-position switch in the bomb bay to turn off either internal racks.

6. The bomb door control handle is at the left of the bombardier, forward of the control panel, and operates a double-throw toggle switch controlling the solenoid switches for the bomb door retracting motor. A lug on the side of the handle is located so that when the door handle is in the "CLOSED" position, the bomb release lever cannot be moved out of the "LOCK" position.

CAUTION: If bombs are carried above the 2000-pound bomb, they MUST NOT be released until the B-5 machine and adapter have been removed. This definitely requires "DETACH" release control for the 2000-pound bomb.