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**A WINNER :** Mr. W. D. Macpherson, pilot of Mr. Lindsay Everard's "Dragon," who won the Circuit of the Oases, is seen removing the rags which have to be used for keeping out the fine dust. (FLIGHT Photo.)

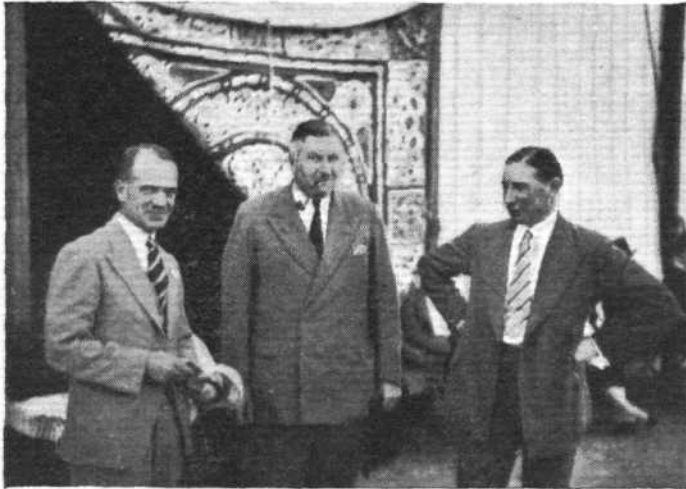
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**A TAKE-OFF TEST :** M. Bedel in his Caudron "Super-Phalene" (Bengali). (FLIGHT Photo.)

and it was not until half an hour later that the first machine which had completed the whole course came in sight. M. Maillet's trouble was later reported as a leaky fuel tank. Actually the first machine, a "Moth" piloted by Mlle. Lotfia el Nadi, Egypt's first lady pilot, with Mr. Carroll, Misr Airwork's chief instructor in the front cockpit, was reported as having been seen circling away time some mile or so from the aerodrome for many minutes before she actually arrived over the starting line. This naturally caused much talk, but reference to the rules will show that there is nothing against this procedure. The handicaps were based on a declared speed, with the proviso that the declared speed must be accomplished by the manufacturers' published statement in agreement. Furthermore, a competitor who exceeded that speed by more than 2 m.p.h. during the race was to be disqualified. Therefore there was nothing at all against a competitor doing a little skilful stop-watch work, waiting within sight of the aerodrome, and coming across the line at the right time. On the face of it Mlle. Lotfia appeared to have some time in hand, but unfortunately her luck and skill in this direction availed her nothing, as she missed a turning point on Dakhla aerodrome, at Alexandria, and was subsequently disqualified, much to the quite understandable disappointment of the Egyptians, who had all rejoiced to see their countrywoman win. One minute after Mlle. Lotfia, came M. Puget in his Farman 234, and he has now been declared the winner, with M. Guy Hansez, the popular Belgian pilot, who is so well known in England and who flies a "Fox Moth" which at one time belonged to the Prince of Wales, second, and M. Leon Challe, Caudron "Phalene," third.

Thus the Egyptian flying meeting ended, and in the evening was rounded off by a dinner given by the Aero Club of Egypt, under the chairmanship of Mohamed Taher Pasha, the President of the Aero Club of Egypt.



**DISCUSSING THE CHANCES :** Mr. Green, Chief of the A.I.D. in Egypt, Mr. Lindsay Everard, and Sqd. Ldr. F/O. Soden.

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**THE AVRO 626 ("LYNX") :** Flt. Lt. Pope and his passenger just before the start of the Speed Race. (FLIGHT Photo.)

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**"WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO TURN UP" :** Egyptian Police during the absence of competitors on the Circuit of the Oases. (FLIGHT Photo.)