

HERE AND THERE

construct temporary houses. A picture of a Bristol house in course of assembly was given in these columns last week.

Bristols are taking over factories at Hucclecote and Weston-super-Mare, Vickers Armstrongs at Blackpool and Chester, and Blackburn at Dumbarton.

Morris Motors and the Austin Motor Co. are to produce cars at Castle Bromwich and Rednal respectively, while other allocations include those to Taylor, Taylor and Hobson (photographic lenses at Leicester), Alfred Herbert (machine tools at Lutterworth), and Smiths English Clocks (watches at Ystradgynlais, Wales).

Carrying On

FACTORIES built by the Government at Hillington (Scotland) and leased to Rolls-Royce for the production of Merlin engines, however, are to be continued by that company, Sir Stafford Cripps having stated in an interview with a *Flight* correspondent in Glasgow that it was essential for Scotland to have a first-class aircraft engine and motor industry.

Precise plans for these factories have not yet been announced by Rolls-Royce at the time of writing, but it is reported that they will include experiments with new and still higher-powered versions of the Merlin, and the development of jet-propulsion units.

Lt. Gen. John Cannon, Allied Air Commander in the Mediterranean, has been presented with the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal (U.S.) by Gen. Joseph P. McNarney, Field Marshal Alexander's deputy.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Science has been bestowed by Omaha University on Glenn L. Martin, president of the aircraft company bearing his name. This is only the third time in its history that this university has presented an honorary degree.

Eighty officers of the "Waves"—the U.S. equivalent of the "Wrens"—have been trained as navigators and are to fly with regular Navy aircraft operating between the U.S. and such places as Hawaii and the Aleutians. They will be the first women in the U.S. Forces to go on active service.

Rear-Admiral D. J. Hoare has been appointed director of research by the Council of the British Internal Combustion Engine Research Association with the consent of the Admiralty. Adml. Hoare is at present superintendent of the Admiralty Engineering Laboratory, but expects to take up his new duties on July 23rd next.

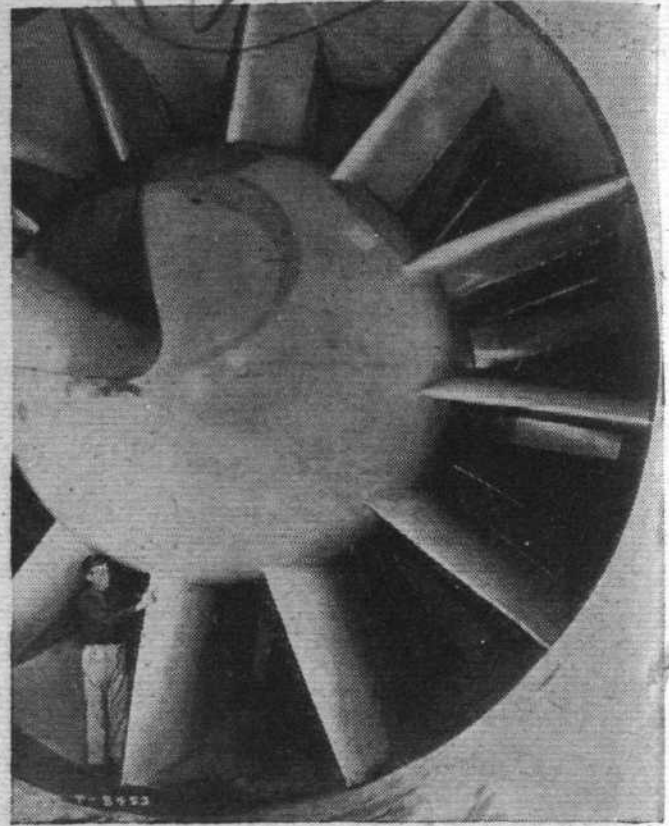
The War Assets Corporation, formed by the Canadian Government, has sold £447,618 worth of surplus aircraft. Types include Tiger Moth, Cornell, Anson, Cessna Crane, Stinson 105, Oxford V, Lockheed, Grumman Goose, and even a Canadian-built Stranraer. Canadian civilian operators bought 62 aircraft, and 276 went to various places in North and South America.

Ernst Udet's Death

READERS will remember that when the death of Ernst Udet, the famous German air "ace" of the 1914-18 war, was reported in the autumn of 1943, it was given out by the Nazi propaganda news that he had been killed in a flying accident while testing a new type of aircraft.

It has now been learned from Berchtesgaden, according to New York Radio quoted by Reuter, that he shot himself because he failed in attempts to develop a new high-altitude aircraft.

Hans Jeschonek, the reports added, also committed suicide to anticipate "liquidation" by Hitler for having failed to save the Peenemunde experimental station from the attentions of the R.A.F. It is difficult to imagine how he could have done so.



GALE-MAKER at the business end of the giant wind-tunnel at the California Institute of Technology, capable of producing a 700 m.p.h. breeze. The test chamber measures 8ft. 6in. by 12ft. Behind the fixed rectifying vanes can be seen the contra-rotating fans.

News in Brief

Recent reports say that the new giant flying-boat to be developed by Howard Hughes will have eight engines, a span of more than 300ft., a hull length of 220ft., and will be constructed of laminated wood. It is claimed that it will be able to carry 750 fully equipped troops.

The fuel tanks in the Miles Aerovan described in our issue of June 7th were manufactured by Fireproof Tanks and are not Henderson crash-proof tanks, as we stated. Large numbers of Henderson Safety Tanks have been fitted in Miles Masters.

The British Legion reports in its news bulletin that over 1,000 letters a day on vital matters affecting serving and ex-service men and women are now being

dealt with at its Richmond headquarters, where the postal bill has risen from an average of £110 monthly to £300 per month.

An exhibition of novel products, many of which have only recently been released from the secret list, produced by thirty-five Dunlop factories in Britain and the Empire, is to be opened at the Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, on July 2nd by Sir George Beharrell.

The growth of the filtration industry during the war, when its products played a vital part in prolonging the life of British equipment, has led to the proposal to form a Society of Associated British Filter Manufacturers, the inaugural meeting of which is to be held at the offices of Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., 94-98, Petty France, Westminster, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, July 6th.

The final round in the contest for tailless model aircraft being held by the S.M.A.E., for which Sir Frederick Handley Page is giving £100 in prizes as mentioned in *Flight*, May 10th, is to take place on September 2nd on the Handley Page airfield at Radlett, Herts. There are five £10 area contest prizes and a £50 prize for the winning finalist.

Eighty-five per cent. of the current U.S. tyre production for military lorries and aircraft is of synthetic rubber, and at least half the 29,000,000 passengers' motor cars in the U.S. run on the same material, according to a recent statement by Mr. James J. Newman, the Goodrich vice-president.

