

# HERE AND THERE

## Austers Away!

THE first two Auster three-seaters to come off the peacetime production line at Taylorcraft's factory at Rearsby were handed over to their respective purchasers—business men from Birmingham and Nottingham—a few days before Christmas.

## For Long Range Patrol

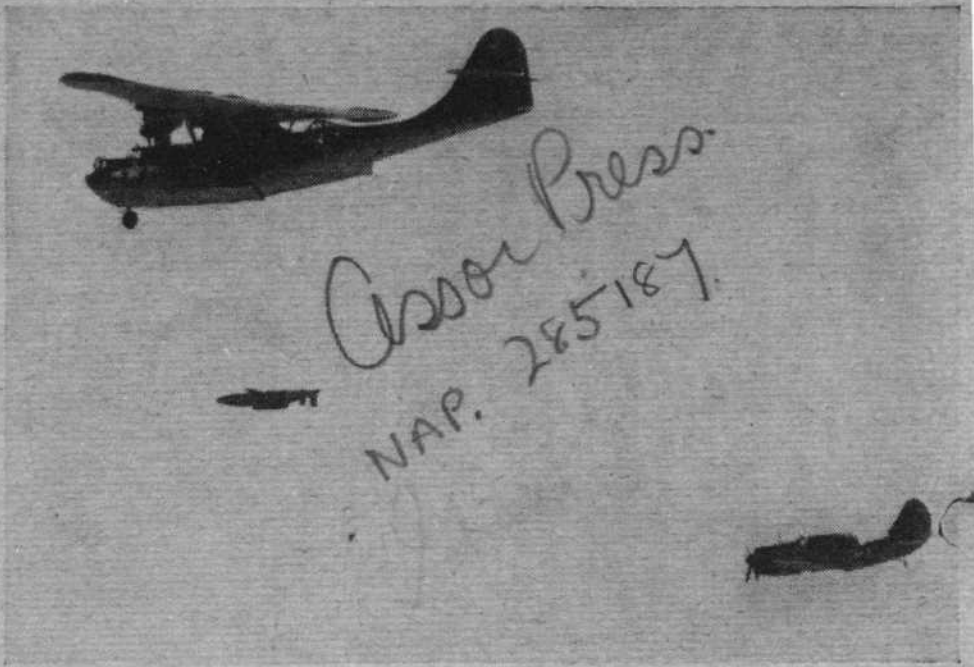
A NEW patrol aircraft for the U.S. Navy has been announced by New York radio quoted by Reuter, and is called the Midwing.

Beyond the bare statement that it is a land-based twin-engined type of some 4,600 h.p. with a range of 5,000 miles, and that it carries a crew of seven, no details have been released at the time of writing—not even the maker's name.

## Alvis Aircraft Engine

MENTION that the firm had "designed a 9-cylinder radial aircraft engine of medium horse-power to meet what we believe to be a most urgent post-war requirement," was made in the chairman's statement to shareholders of Alvis, Ltd., at the recent annual general meeting.

Mr. Nicholson added that it had been decided to put in hand a small number of these engines to meet existing and likely enquiries "for installation in cer-



THE JET DRONE, KDN-1, used in a demonstration of radio control by the U.S. Navy at Atlantic City, was released from the Catalina and then controlled by the Helldiver. The potentialities are obvious.

tain civil prototype machines" to be produced during the next 12 months.

It will be remembered that Alvis introduced a range of radial engines before the recent war, one of which was the 9-cylinder Leonides of 450 h.p.

## A Celebrated Name

THE Bristol firm of Aero Engines, Ltd., as announced by the chairman, Sir Maurice Bonham Carter, in his speech at the annual general meeting recently, is to change its name to that of Douglas (Kingswood), Ltd., and its post-war programme is centred on the production of Douglas motor cycles, beginning with a 350 c.c. model recently

described in *The Motor Cycle*, and the Douglas industrial truck.

During the war, this firm has been engaged in the manufacture of aircraft wings and other units, industrial trucks, and several models of Douglas flat-twin engines (a type synonymous with the name) employed in radar equipment, generating sets and other war purposes.

## Airworthiness Requirements

THE Air Registration Board announce the issue of eleven additional subsections to *British Civil Airworthiness Requirements*. Numbered A.24 to A.27 and C.1 to C.7, these deal mainly with tests of piston engines.

B.C.A. Requirements and amendments are obtainable at a price of £2 2s. for the complete series (half-price to licensed ground engineers) from the Air Registration Board at Brettenham House, Lancaster Place, Strand, London, W.C.2.

## Christmas Ambiguity

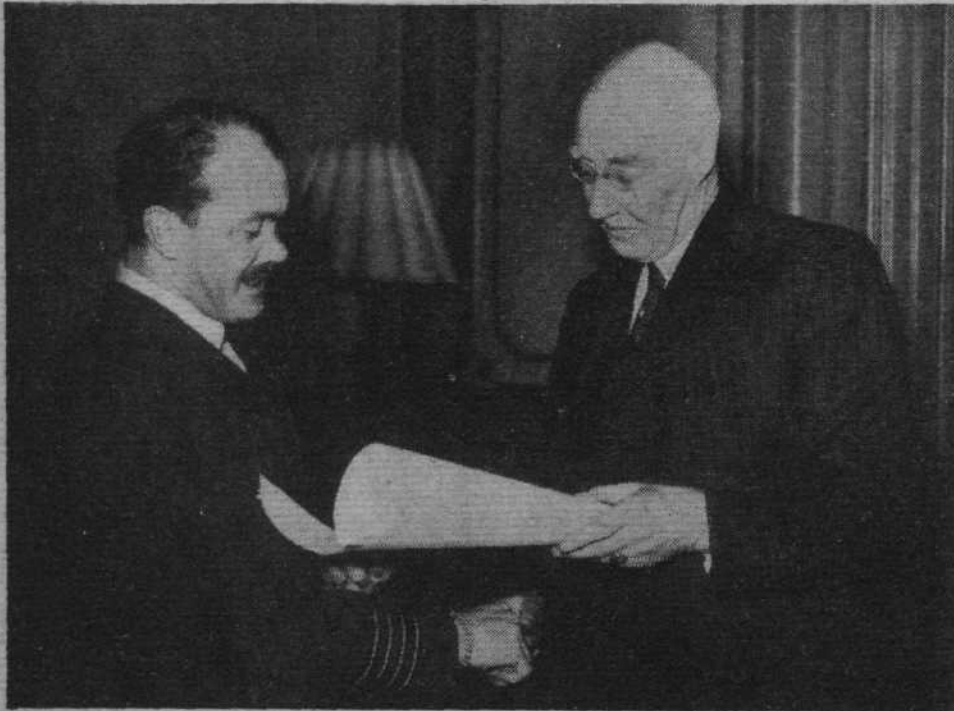
THE rush inseparable from going to press with our December 27th issue before the Christmas holidays must be held responsible for the somewhat ambiguous wording of the inscription under a diagram on page 672, which may have given the impression that the diagram represented a Halford H.I jet engine.

Actually, of course, it showed a "straight-through" combustion system on engines with double-sided impellers. The Halford uses a single-sided one, which does away with the need for a central bearing.

## To Teach Administration

WITH the object of formulating and expounding the basic principles and technique of organisation, administration, and leadership, there is shortly to be established the Administrative Staff College for which a suitable site outside London is at present being considered.

The students will be young civil servants, trades union officials, and business men who will work together in teams on typical modern problems and



RECORD POSTSCRIPT: During an informal party at the Royal Aero Club on December 19th, a certificate of performance was presented to Group Capt. H. J. Wilson, A.F.C., the air speed record holder, by Lord Gorell, chairman of the club. Among many other well-known aviation people present was Marshal of the R.A.F. Sir Arthur Tedder, G.C.B.

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