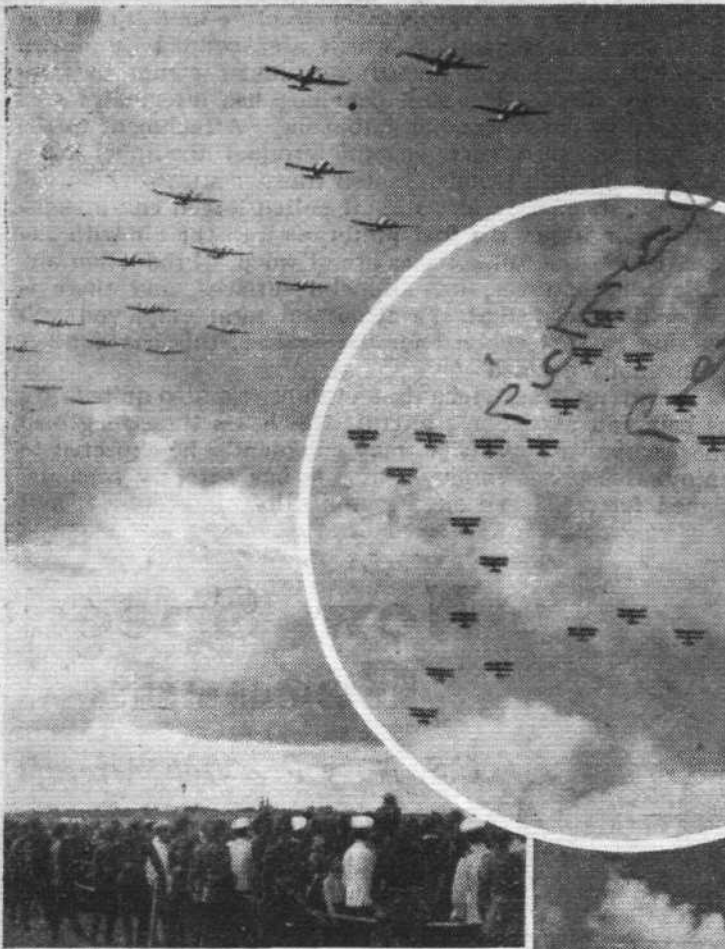


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New Military Aircraft

THROUGHOUT the U.S.S.R. Sunday, August 3rd, celebrated as Aviation Day. On these pages *Flight* is able to present, exclusively, a series of photographs showing some interesting new Service aircraft and illustrating the high standard of formation flying attained by Soviet instructors. The display was held at the Tushino airfield in the presence of Generalissimo Stalin, and new types which appeared included aircraft designed by Yakolev, Lavochkin, Mikoyan, Gurevich, Sukhoy, Ilyushin and Tupolev. Apart from the four-engined 72-seater Ilyushin transport illustrated, a three-engine 67-seater is reported to have put in its appearance. Helicopters designed by Ivan Bratukhin took off and landed in spaces of 100 sq. yards.



At top left is a formation of new twin-engined transports—probably IL-12s—which are succeeding the Russian-built version of the DC-3, known as the PS-84. The Soviet Star is formed by PO-2 trainers, designed by N. Polikarpov and flown by instructors, and Stalin's name is spelt out by what are stated to be UT-2 trainers, though it is obvious that two types of aircraft are engaged. The wing of the new four-engined Ilyushin 67-seater transport (lower centre) resembles that of the Superfortress and Stratocruiser. This modern type headed a fly-past of transport aircraft.

