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## Forecast and Programme for the Annual Flying Display and Exhibition Organized by the Society of British Aircraft Constructors

OF the many flying displays and exhibitions of aircraft and components which take place annually all over the world, there is none which compares in scope and technical interest with that of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors. This year the site is again to be the Handley Page Aerodrome near Radlett. Memories of last year's Display at Radlett will be revived by the heading photograph.

Before the war the Royal Air Force Display was held annually at Hendon on the last Saturday of June and it was attended by many foreign visitors. The first S.B.A.C. Display was organized in 1932 as a special function for the benefit of these visitors and held at Hendon on the Monday following the R.A.F. Display. By comparison with post-war S.B.A.C. displays this first one was very small, about 40 aircraft being shown. Not until the fourth Display in 1935 was a static exhibition organized, and on this occasion some 65 manufacturers took stands.

### Growing Importance

The following year, due to the great increase in support and the resulting need for more space, the de Havilland airfield at Hatfield was made available, and in 1937 for the first time a two-day show was arranged with flying display on the second day. As a result of the international situation no more displays or exhibitions were organized until after the war in 1946, and the R.A.F. Display has now been abandoned altogether. This year nearly 200 firms will exhibit their products at the four-day function at Radlett.

The past year has seen a great deal of progress in both civil and military aircraft construction and in the piston

and gas turbine engines to power such aircraft. Visitors to the Radlett Exhibition on Sept. 9-12, will be able to examine several new civil transports such as the Airspeed Ambassador, Cunliffe-Owen Concordia, Miles Merchantman and M68, and Percival Merganser. In addition

### RADLETT WEEK PROGRAMME

**Tuesday, Sept. 9th.**—Exhibition, 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.; Official Opening and Luncheon; Flying Display, 2.30 p.m. to 5.20 p.m.

Royal Aeronautical Society (Anglo-American Conference)  
Dinner at the Guildhall, London, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 10th.**—Exhibition, 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.; Flying Displays as for Sept. 9th.

**Thursday, Sept. 11th.**—Exhibition, 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.; Flying Display, morning gliders, afternoon civil aircraft.

**Friday, Sept. 12th.**—Exhibition, 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. for technicians from Government and Industry only. No flying display.

**Saturday, Sept. 13th.**—Exhibition closed.

**Sunday, Sept. 14th.**—Royal Aeronautical Society Garden Party, at Radlett 2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Static exhibition and flying display, including gliders.

### Transport to and from Radlett

**By Air.**—Radlett airfield is closed to all aircraft except those taking part in the display. Visiting aircraft may land at Elstree airfield.

**By Rail.**—From London (St. Pancras) to Radlett.

**By Motor Coach.**—From Victoria Coach Station at 19 and 49 minutes past every hour. Journey one hour. From Radlett (Red Lion) at 13 and 43 minutes past the hour.