

HERE AND THERE

the R.C.A.F.'s standard interceptor. This was stated by the Canadian Defence Minister in the House of Commons, Ottawa, on April 28th.

Mr. Claxton said that during the war the Commonwealth Air Training Plan had been threatened by a lack of spare parts and engines for British-designed aircraft. According to an American source, 100 F-86As will be built by Canadair, Ltd., of Montreal.

Fair Enough

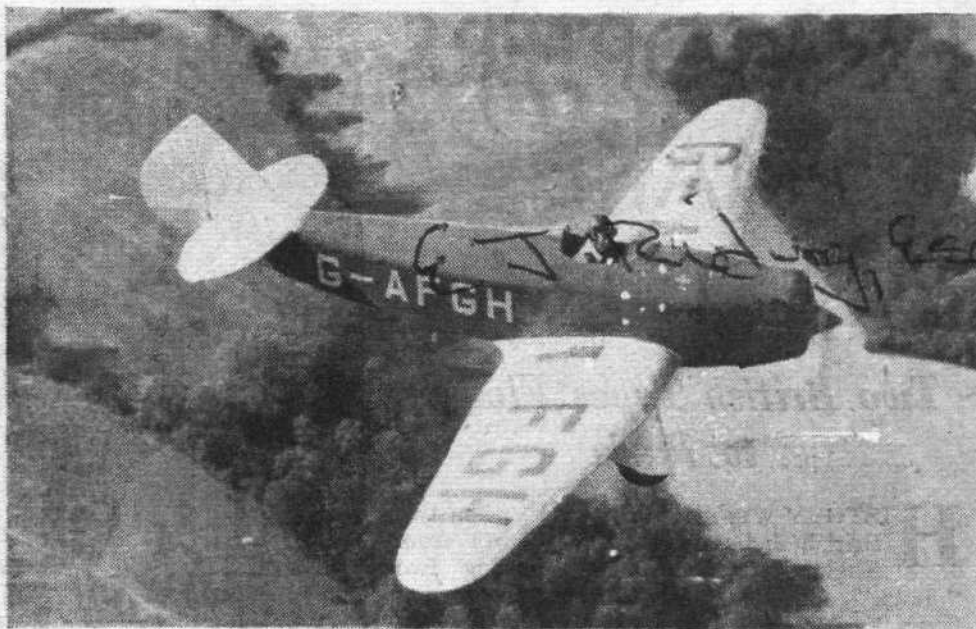
IN a written answer to a question concerning the accuracy of the Easter week-end weather forecasts, Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Air Minister, stated that the situation had been finely balanced, with risks of rain that the meteorologists could not ignore in their forecasts.

Although weather forecasts could not at present be more than assessments of probabilities, he continued, their general accuracy within the last few years had been 85-88 per cent. Within recent months accuracy had improved to 90 per cent for forecasts of rain or no rain in the London area.

Power Trio

PROGRESS with three different types of power plant is reported by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation. The rocket unit for the Bell X-2, raked-wing successor to the supersonic X-1, is in the final stages of development by the company's propeller division, while the Typhoon turboprop has been shown publicly for the first time. Driving a four-bladed airscrew, this unit has been test-flown in the nose of a Boeing B-17 Fortress, which, it is claimed, is able to maintain height with all four Cyclones feathered.

The Curtiss-Wright Turbo Cyclone is said to offer a 20 per cent increase in thermal efficiency, compared with a normal piston-engine. This compound unit will be installed in later versions of the Lockheed P2V Neptune patrol bomber.



TAKING THE AIR: After some years of inactivity this pre-war Chilton single-seater with Carden Ford engine is flying again. A few of these attractive little machines are being, or have been, reconditioned, and this one, seen near Rickmansworth, is owned by Mr. H. Bilborough (pilot in the photograph) and Mr. J. Milli of the Denham Aero Club.

Air "Gunners"

TRAVELLING in two parties of twelve, the Arsenal Football Club will leave London Airport for Rio de Janeiro on May 9th and 11th, flying on the regular B.S.A.A. services. The 6,000-mile journey is scheduled to take 33 hours.

Aeradio Affairs

A YEAR of flying control and communications operation by International Aeradio, Ltd., on behalf of Allied Control, Austria, was celebrated by a small gathering at Schwechat, Vienna, on April 28th. The company's assistant operations manager, W/C. R. C. Lawes, left London by air the previous day for an extended tour of the Far East, where he will investigate civil flying control, communications and maintenance of Aeradio equipment.

Jet Transports

CAPTAIN EDDIE RICKENBACKER, president of Eastern Air Lines, is reported to have stated that his company has issued to manufacturers a specification for a 40-passenger, four-jet airliner.

In a review of jet transport progress, *Aviation Week* says that cost is the biggest obstacle to U.S. plans. It concludes that "any (U.S.) jet transport development now seems certain to lag far behind both British

THE NEXT BEST THING: As all full-scale flying is banned to Germans, the model movement in Germany has a particularly keen following. This high-performance sailplane is being demonstrated at a meeting in the French Zone of Berlin.

and Canadian projects." From the Dominion, good progress is reported with the Avro-Canada C-102 four-Derwent airliner.

N.P.L. Open Day

MEMBERS of the industry will have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the wide range of scientific research undertaken at the National Physical Laboratory, when the annual Open Day is held on Thursday, May 26th, from 1430-1800 hours. On the following day the Laboratory will be "At home" to university and Government department visitors.

Representatives of industrial firms not already familiar with the work of the N.P.L. are invited to apply to the Director, National Physical Laboratory, Teddington, Middlesex, by May 14th.

News in Brief

PORTSMOUTH branch of the Air League is to hold an air garden-party at the city airport on Sunday, June 19th.

The winning team in the Southampton Junior Football League Competition was that representing Air Service Training, Ltd., of Hamble.

Brooklands Aviation, Ltd., state that they and their managing director, Mr. J. W. Massey, have withdrawn their financial interest in the College of Aeronautical Engineering, of Wimbledon and Hanworth. The interest has now been acquired by the Principal, Mr. C. H. Roberts.

The order recently given by the U.S. Secretary of Defence to stop construction of the 65,000-ton aircraft carrier *United States* is believed to be responsible for the resignation of Mr. John L. Sullivan, American Secretary of the Navy.

Mr. H. G. Herrington, director and general manager of High Duty Alloys, Ltd., was presented with a silver cigarette box when he handed over the chairmanship of the Aluminium Development Association Executive Committee to Mr. F. G. Woolard.

