

HERE AND THERE . . .

demonstrations by light, ultra-light and vintage aircraft. Among the types expected to appear in either the flying display or the static park are a four-passenger balloon; a Deperdussin, Bleriot and Sopwith Pup from the Shuttleworth collection; a Bristol fighter; and a 1912 Blackburn monoplane.

"Fastest Bomber" Claim

THE Glenn L. Martin Company claims that its three-jet XB-51 ground-support bomber has flown at speeds "unequalled, so far as has been reported, by any other comparable type of military aircraft."

Brancker Lecture Cancelled

ORIGINALLY postponed, owing to the General Election, until April 3rd, A.V.M. D. C. T. Bennett's Brancker Memorial Lecture to the Institute of Transport has now been cancelled altogether. The Institute states that owing to pressure of business the lecturer is unable to fulfil the engagement.

Where They Went

MR. J. Freeman, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Supply, recently summarized the programme of military aircraft exports between VE-day and December 31st, 1949, to nations which are not now members of Western Union or the Atlantic Pact. It was "not in the public interest," he stated, to reveal the numbers of aircraft involved.

The following types have been delivered to the countries mentioned: Lancasters and Lincolns—Argentina; Meteors—Argentina, Egypt; Vampires—Egypt, Sweden, Switzerland, Venezuela; Furies—Iraq; Beaufighters—Dominican Republic, Turkey; Hurricanes—Persia; Mosquitoes—Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Sweden, Turkey; Seafires—Sweden, Turkey; Spitfires—Burma, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Greece, Sweden, Turkey.



LUCKY NUMBER: The Fokker S-13 crew trainer, seen landing after its recent first flight at Amsterdam, has a sturdy, compact appearance which promises economy and efficiency in service. Two 600 h.p. P. and W. radials are fitted.

Meteorological Exhibition

DIRECTORS and senior officials of American and European meteorological services will be among the guests of the Director of the Meteorological Office, Sir Nelson Johnson, at the Harrow Meteorological Office, next Saturday. Apart from exhibits of both historical and modern meteorological instruments, the visitors will witness the ascent of a radio-sonde (used for recording and

transmitting weather conditions at high altitude). Approximately 18,000 radio-sondes are calibrated each year and issued from Harrow to British meteorological stations and weather ships.

Radar plotting of thunderstorms, often at distances of 1,000 miles or more, will also be demonstrated, and weather forecasts will be issued. The visit has been organized as part of the centenary celebrations of the Royal Meteorological Society.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE opinion of *Flight*, expressed in a recent article, that "the Canberra sets a new standard among contemporary military types," was quoted by the chairman at the recent annual general meeting of the makers—the English Electric Co., Ltd.

Acheson Colloids, Ltd., have moved to 18-19, Pall Mall, London, S.W.1 (Whitehall 2034-7).

By arrangement with the Glenn L. Martin Co., the Loewy Engineering Co., Ltd., Manfield House, 376, Strand, London, W.C.2, is to introduce the Marform precision metal-forming process into the United Kingdom, the British Commonwealth, Europe and other export territories. Both complete presses and conversion equipment will be supplied by Loewy Engineering, who will manufacture it at their works (Light Machines, Ltd.) at Yeovil.

SHORT CIRCUIT: The Second Sea Lord, Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt (right), recently made a tour of the Short Brothers and Harland works at Belfast, where he inspected Sturgeon target-towers in production for the Navy. Accompanying him were (left to right): Commodore C. A. R. Shillington, Mr. George Gedge and Rear Admiral M. S. Slattery (managing director of Short's).

A Beechcraft T-34 Mentor single-engined trainer will be demonstrated to air force authorities in Switzerland for almost the whole of next month. Before returning to America, Beechcraft test pilot Claude Palmer will demonstrate the Mentor in Egypt for a further two weeks.

In the caption to a photograph of the teams of the Aero Golfing Society and R.A.F. Golfing Society published last week, the second player from the left should have been named as A. Cdre. H. D. Jackman and not, of course, as G/C. K. A. Jackman, who is his brother.

The latest addition to the Cellon range of aircraft finishes, a pre-treatment primer approved under D.T.D.900, is the subject of a booklet issued by Cellon, Ltd., Kingston-on-Thames. Without actually keying into the metal surface, the primer provides a corrosion-resisting film and a good foundation for finishing coats.

At the recent annual general meeting of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., Sir George H. Nelson (chairman) said that Marconi equipment was installed on B.O.A.C.'s 22 Argonauts, and would be fitted in the Hermes IV, the B.E.A. Ambassadors, and the Comets. In the two last-named types, the aerial systems would be entirely enclosed in the airframe structure.

British Insulated Callender's Cables, Ltd., announce the appointment of Mr. W. H. McFadzean, C.A., deputy chairman to the post of chief executive. Other B.I.C.C. appointments include those of Dr. L. G. Brazier, Ph.D., B.Sc., M.I.E.E., A.F.R.Ae.S., F.A.I.E.E., and Mr. H. J. Stone, M.C., M.I.E.E., to the board. Dr. Brazier was a 1914-18 war pilot, and was subsequently engaged in research work at the R.A.E., Farnborough; he joined Callenders in 1925.



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