

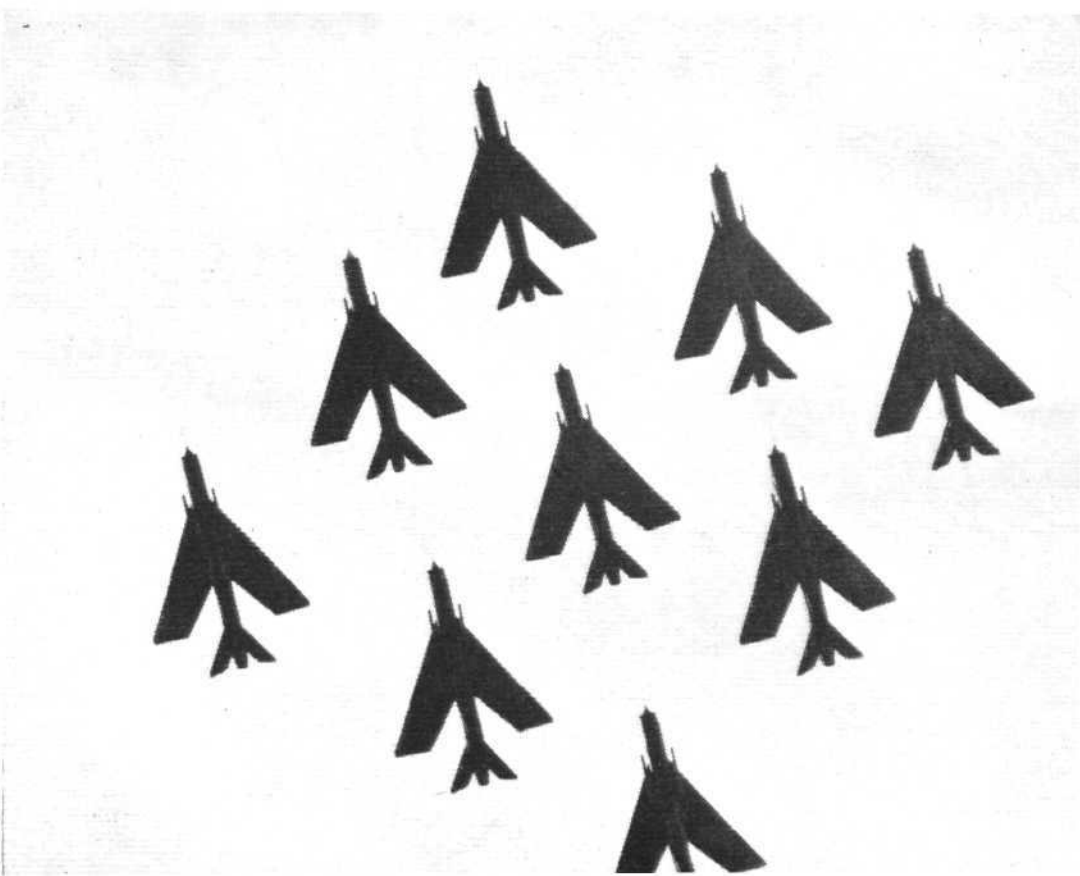
## Le Bourget Marathon

**I**T began, on a morning that promised a fine if not a cloudless day, with the little fellows—the Airedale, Emeraude, Comanche, Debonair and a score or so more. It ended with the big fellows, most memorable among them the Mach 2 fighters and bombers. In a word, the flying displays which last weekend formed the climax to the 24th Paris Salon Aéronautique had something for everyone, or generally more than something. Sadly, the Saturday performance led to the loss of the record-breaking Convair Hustler.

The programme was at marathon length, lasting (with a lunchtime interval of an hour-and-a-half) from nearly ten o'clock in the morning till after six in the evening—from the matins of larks in the grass where Lindbergh landed until long after they had been stunned into evensong quiescence by the scream of Avons, Atars and GE J79s.

*Morning till  
Evening Flying  
Concludes the  
Paris Salon*

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At the hover in the heading picture are four of eight Sud Alouette IIs which displayed some impressive lines of naval bunting. The Alouette III in the foreground is one of two which earlier in the proceedings wore the flags of 24 Alouette user-countries. Immediately above, the Nord Griffon II, with its statoréacteur in play. Left, the English Electric Lightning F.1s of 74 Squadron, RAF

