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clubs of the countries to be visited will be invited to take part in the arrange-
ments.

Entries are being limited to 20 aircraft, and a selection committee will have the task of ensuring that as many countries as possible will be represented. The stated purpose of the race is both to provide a spectacular competition and to enable many television networks to cover it. Each aircraft will carry, in addition to its crew, a reporter and cameraman. The TV films will form an important part of the contest and an international jury will allot marks both for the standard of flying and for the quality of the pictures obtained.

Single-engined aircraft will be limited
to 400 h.p. and twins to 600 h.p. and each will be handicapped according to its anticipated performance. The route will be defined, but competitors will to a large extent be free to choose their own stops.
The organisers—Societe MAN Pro-duction, 17 boulevard des BatignoHes, Paris 8e—state that there will be prizes worth S120.000 (£50,000). They add that participation will be at competitors' own expense, but that sponsorship by TV or other interests will be permitted subject to agreement.

Israel's Frencb Equipment
Israel had foreseen the possibility of a French embargo on military supplies (Flight, January 16) and has provided herself with large quantities of spares: it is believed in Tel Aviv that the French embargo will have more effect politically than militarily.
Israel operates nine different types of French aircraft: Ouragan, Mystere 4 and Super Mystere. Vautour, Mirage 3, Fouga Magister and Noratlas; Super Frelon and Alouette helicopters. Super Frelons were used in the attack on Beirut airport. The Israeli Army has SS. 1 I missiles.
Israel is now in a similar situation to South Africa in the matter of military supplies, and in this context the increase of commercial links between the two countries and inauguration of an El Al service to Johannesburg are of topical

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NAT O Phantoms USAF F-4Ds of the 7th Sqn, 49th Tactical Fighter Wing, at Spangdahlem AFB, West Germany, after flying in from New Mexico to take part in the "Reforger I" Army manoeuvres near the Czechoslovak border (see news item, this page). RAF and RN Phantoms are featured on pages 146-147 of this issue

interest. The SAAF has Mirage 3s and it is possible that this could provide a source of spares to Israel.

US European Manoeuvres
American military exercises involving 12.000 troops and 3,500 airmen are taking place from January 29 onwards in a US Army manoeuvre area only 30 miles (48km) from the Czechoslavak border. In addition to aircraft involved in the airlift, four Phantom squadrons are taking part in the exercise.
Originally scheduled for October 1969.
it has been brought forward as part of NATO's response to the USSR occu-pation of Czechoslavakia.

Amy Johnson Scholarship Winner
The British Women Pilots' Association has announced that the Amy Johnson Memorial Scholarship, founded in 1954 in memory of Amy Johnson to provide professional flying training for women, has been awarded to Miss Daphne Poynter, of Stevenage, Herts.
Miss Poynter, a micro-analyst with Mintech, learned to fly sailplanes in 1955. converted to powered aircraft in 1956, and now has 340 hours' flying experience in command. She flies at Reclhill Aerodrome with the Tiger Club,

Acceptance of an
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mina, the Indonesian
national oil company, at
a Hatfield ceremony: left
to right, CaptJ. F. Repon,
chief pilot; Col Sunaryo,
Air Attache; Mr M. A. H.
Djaelani, First Secretary;
and Mr J. L. Thome,
director and general
manager, HSA Hatfield

gives air experience flights to members of the Girls' Venture Corps, and takes part in Women's Royal Naval Reserve activities. The scholarship will assist her in obtaining her assistant instructor's rating; she hopes to begin instructing with a flying club in the South of England.

Aviation Insurance Merger
British Aviation Insurance Co and Aviation and General Insurance Co last week announced agreement in principle that a merger of the two companies would be desirable, "with a view to increasing overall efficiency and improv-ing their pre-eminent role as a major influence In world aviation markets."

Although the precise form of the merger is still being worked out, when terms have been agreed it is proposed that the amalgamated company shall do business under the name The British Aviation and General Insurance Co Ltd.

Harry Cooper Exhibition
An exhibition of pictures by the late Harry Cooper, a founder-member of the Kronfeld Aviation Art Society, is being held at the Kronfeld Club. 74 Basement, Eccleston Square. London SWI. until February 22.

"Autocar"—Big News Tomorrow
Chief feature of our sister journal Autocar this week is a full description, with cutaway drawings, colour pictures and road impressions, of an outstanding new range of cars by a famous British manufacturer whose identity has yet to be revealed. The firm is making its announcement tomorrow, January 24; so, rather than keep its readers waiting for another week. Autocar is taking the unusual step of delaying publication of this week's (January 23) issue for one day.
Other features will include impres-sions, with colour pictures, of driving the Saab which won the RAC Rally; and a.n illustrated report of the Brussels Motor Show.