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New York Water Stol Service New York has plans 1» begin an experimental inter-city Stol seaplane service next spring. A small landing stage al the foot of Broad Street near lite Wall Street Heliport would be used. This is part of an existing (loatplane base. The service is planned lo be over very short distances probably linking New York and Philadelphia. The aircraft to be used in the experiment are Twin Otters with [loafs and Grumman Mallards. The operator has not yet been selected, but a possible contender is Downtown Airlines, the company which owns the Broad Si reel floatplane base. Discussions have also been held with Antilles Airboals of the Virgin Islands with a view lo using some of that company's Mallards. Apart from establishing information on commercial viability the experiment will provide an opportunity tor checking on the feasibility of
I FR operation with Slol services.

I)-I)ay Mission South West Aviation, an independent charier airline based al Kxetcr in Devon, has been selected to carry out the living involved in "Operation Checkpoint," the nation-wide movement of more than six million pieces of paper from branch banks to computers in London, in the week before decimalisation.
During "Operation Checkpoint,'' cheques, credits and statements from 14,500 branch banks throughout the. United Kingdom will be centralised at 21(i major collec-tion points lor transport lo 14 regional airports. South West Aviation will use 11 aircraft to make a total of 75 flights, mostly at night, between Monday, February fi. and Thursday, February 11. They will cover 15,923 miles, 21,074km in 86hr actual flying time, to and from Luton Airport. Security Express of the De La Rue (.roup will take the loads from Luton to London by road.

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The same procedure will be followed for the return trip which will enable all branch banks to open on Monday, February 15, with every account converted to decimal.
The fourteen regional airports in use will be Cardiff, Swansea. Newcastle, Leeds, Bradford, Tees-side, Man-chester, Liverpool, Orimsby, Exeter, Plymouth, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man.
South West Aviation will make the flights with Piper Aztec:, Short Skyvan and Dakota aircraft usually employed on executive and general freight and passenger charter services throughout Western F.urope.

Police Report The latest development in the use of helicopters by the police took the form of a report sub-mitted to the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, covering all aspects of the operation since the initial trials in 1967 using Army Sioux. The ground covered in the report in-cludes results of noise experiments, impending helicopter and autogyro developments, weather conditions in London, (lying restrictions, experiments with night flying and a review of civil helicopter accidents.
A scheme is currently being operated by one division of the Metropolitan Police using Hughes 300s hired from Air Gregory of Den ham,,. Police officers trained as observers in the original 1067 Home Office experiment have been used in a number of recent jobs, including searching for missing children in North London and watching for the sniper on the M4 motorway who was recently shooting at airline- buses. There is a reserve of 28 policemen who have completed Civil Defence, training as aerial observers. The latest report envisages the use of helicopters for a number of purposes including searching for missing persons, fugitives and property, use at major disasters and on criminal investigations—both for following up inquiries and for anticipated crimes—and for traffic supervision.

More CL-215 Orders The French Government has ordered six additional Canadair CL-215 water bombers. France has already bought ten of the aircraft but one was lost earlier this year so the new order brings the total fleet to 14. The Spanish Government has also placed its first order for the CL-215—in this case for two with an option on a third. Spanish Air Force air and ground crews are currently being trained at Canadair's Montreal facility. The whole of Quebec's fleet of 15 aircraft will be fully operational for the 1971 fire season.
The new orders will at least temporarily allay fears that the CL-215 production line will soon have, to be shut down.

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Above, booming tourist traffic in the Caribbean has made Prinair, Puerto Rico International Airlines, one of the most rapidly expanding third-level carriers in the USA. The company operates 18 Herons to points
in Puerto Rico, and both the British ond US Virgin Islands. Ten of the aircraft have been re-engined with Lycoming horizontally opposed engines and have had their capacity increased to 20 passengers. Remaining aircraft will be converted in Miami so no re-equ/pment plans are being considered. A record 57,000 passengers were carried in a recent month

Left, Piper's new hangar at Geneva Airport can accommodate about 30 aircraft and has modern workshops and offices for 40 staff