STRAIGHTS LEVEL
ZOO CRISIS SPECIAL

"There is no sign of the Iraqis retreating, vehicles are still head-ing south," Lt.-Col. Dick (Snake) White, commander of a Tomcat squadron of Harrier jump jets told reporters at a marine base in eastern Saudi Arabia, adding that he welcomes the chance to go af-ter them in what he said would be

"a turkey shoot."

(Star Phoenix, Saskatoon, Canada,
1 February, 1991)

Oh, no, it's the DH.86
again — this time a sight-
ing of one at Wadi Haifa
in the Sudan in 1947. Be-
fore sightings of the ghosts
of 86s past become too
frequent (and before this
column gets rechristened
The Weekly Express) we'd
better hope, along with
Viv Bellamy, that the
Hampshire lot get on with
building a new one....

ROGER'S
CONSPICUOUS

CONSUMPTION QUIZ
Q: What do the following
have in common — cham-
pagne, coffee, white goods
[you know, fridges and
such like], and US air-
lines?

A: There's only about
seven major players, Jac-
ques Ancher, KLM Cargo
executive vice-president,
tells Budgie News,

• "VICTORY IN 100

HOURS" scream Monty
Orangebafl's banner head-
lines in the Daily Bigot as
General Strike and his mo-
bile pillboxes storm trium-
phantly across the desert.
The previous 936 hours,
in which a few aircraft did
a few isolated little raids
here and there, were pre-
sumably just a little sof-
tening-up routine, or an
airshow to keep the troops
amused...

CONFIDENTIAL
HUMAN ERROR

FEEDBACK (CHEFs)
Yes, of course, Nephew G
F Cleminson. It was XV
Squadron's 75lh, not its
50th (S & L, 27 Feb — 5

March) that the Hind was
celebrating, as any ex-XV
Squadron Lancaster pilot
could have told ..Uncle
Roger if he'd been listen-
ing...

• The Budgie News pic-
ture boffins have still got
a few of those wonderful
Flightcolours of a few
years ago left. They're still
willing to make up packs
of an assorted 30 in ex-
change for £5.00 — buy
one for yourself, or a
friend, or the local school
project, by sending your
cheque or postal order to:
Quadrant Picture Library,
Quadrant House, the
Quadrant, Sutton, Surrey,
SM2 5AS, United . King-
dom.

FAT ARROWS TOUR EUROPE

The first widebody acrobatic team, The Fat Arrows, has made its debut tour. The team, led by Capt "Chubby" Buffet, has made a number of appearances at airline catering conferences and describes its routine as an "aerial feast". One particularly noteworthy inthe routine is the team's Sausage Roll.
(British Aerospace 146QTs (Quiet Trader) of Australian freight shipper TNT pose at their Cologne hub. The aircraft operate overnight to 30 destinations.)

the same time as another jet was preparing to land on the same strip.
The landing plane, which was. approaching the wrong runway, had to
abort its takeoff to avoid a collision.

Capt Bruce Speaking: "Take off power, Bruce."
First Officer Bruce Here: "Done, Bruce — should I stand on the brakes, too?"
The Mercury, Tasmania, 7 February 1991

Saro Cloud, 1936

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