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## EDITORIAL COMMENT



**D**URING the past summer the somewhat "hectic" activities in the world of heavier-than-air craft have permitted our airship people to work quietly and without interference upon the completion of the two large rigids, R.100 and R.101. With the "season" approaching its end, it was inevitable

that the subject of lighter-than-air craft should be revived by the daily press, and as was to be expected the antagonists of airships have started their annual campaign. Whatever may be one's

### Airships

personal views of the chances of ultimate success of large airships, this country is definitely committed to an airship policy, and matters have progressed too far for any radical change in that policy to be feasible. That being the case, it does appear rather unfair to those who are doing the actual work of airship development to launch out at the present moment with criticisms and depreciatory comments which cannot possibly be based upon an intimate knowledge of all the real facts. It is the fashion in some quarters always to applaud what is being done abroad, and to deride any effort made at home. Yet the fact remains that at the present moment Great Britain's aeronautical star is very much in the ascendant. We have won the Schneider Trophy, and we have established a world's speed record, to mention but two recent outstanding achievements in the air. In the light aeroplane movement we lead the world, and we have produced at least one light aeroplane engine which will run for 600 hours without overhaul. With so much serious work, and highly successful work, already accomplished, and more to follow, why pick on one branch of British air activities and assume that the engineers engaged upon that work are fools and incompetents? It is most unjust and very un-British. The engineers who have produced the two new rigid airships have had innumerable obstacles to overcome, difficult problems to solve, and a vast amount of research and experimental work to do before undertaking the actual

### DIARY OF CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Club Secretaries and others desirous of announcing the dates of important fixtures are invited to send particulars for inclusion in this list—

- 1929.
- Sept. 28 .... Northampton Aero Club Meeting, Sywell.
  - Oct. 1 .... Gordon-Bennett Balloon Race, St. Louis, U.S.A.
  - Oct. 5 .... Newcastle Air Pageant, Cramlington Aerodrome.
  - Oct. 9 .... Lecture, "Progress in Civil Aviation," by Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker, before Royal United Service Institution.
  - Oct. 10 .... Air Pageant and Light 'Plane Race, Hull Municipal Aerodrome.
  - Oct. 10 .... Lecture, "The Range of Aircraft," by Mr. C. R. Fairey, before R.Ae.S. and Inst. Ae.E.
  - Oct. 24 .... Lecture, "The Art of Flying Land and Sea Machines," by Capt. N. Macmillan, before R.Ae.S. and Inst. Ae.E.
  - Oct. 31 .... Guggenheim Safe-Aircraft Competition Closes.
  - Nov. 7 .... Lecture, "Recent Developments of Fuels and Dopes for Aircraft Engines," by Dr. A. E. Dunstan, before R.Ae.S. and Inst. Ae.E.
  - Nov. 21 .... Lecture, "The Inspection of Materials," by Mr. L. W. Johnson, before R.Ae.S. and Inst. Ae.E.