

# THE "DEUTSCHLANDFLUG," 1931



**THE WINNER:** The Klemm L.26 Va (Argus As 8) which Lieutenant Dinort flew to victory.

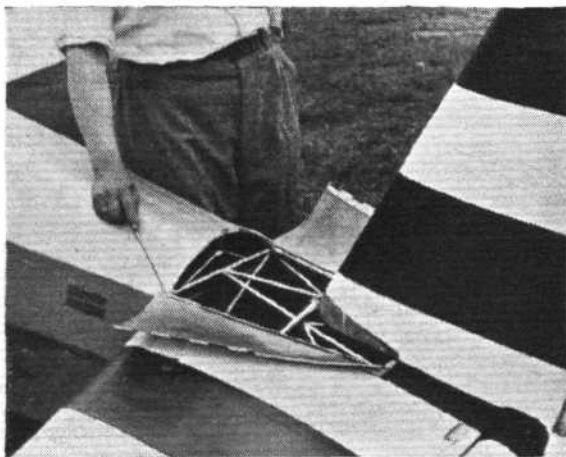
**O**f a national character, the 1931 "Deutschlandflug," just concluded, was limited to German pilots on German light planes with German engines. The rules and regulations were slightly different from those which have been in force at previous competitions of this kind, chiefly because it was desired so to design the regulations that at the finish the first man to cross the line at Berlin should be the winner.

As in previous national and international light plane competitions, the "Deutschlandflug," 1931, organised by the Aero Club of Germany, was divided into two sections: A series of technical tests, and a handicap race around a two-days' circuit. The innovation lay therein that the technical tests were made the basis of the final handicapping in such a way that the points gained in the technical tests were converted into minutes' difference in starting time.



**FIRST IN THE TECHNICAL TESTS:** Reinhold Poss (Klemm-Argus) secured the highest number of points in the technical tests.

Thirty light aeroplanes had been entered for the "Deutschlandflug." For a time it looked as if the present financial crisis in Germany might necessitate a postponement or the total abandonment of the competition, but after mature consideration the German Aero Club decided to



**A NEW TYPE IN THE COMPETITION:** The BFW-Messerschmitt 27 flown by Theo Croneiss was fitted with "spats," and the control cables could be inspected through the flap doors near the tail.