

Airisms from the Four Winds

The King on the "Courageous"

DURING his inspection of the Fleet at Weymouth, H.M. the King went on board the aircraft carrier *Courageous* on Tuesday, July 12, accompanied by T.R.H. the Prince of Wales and Prince George, who had flown down to Portsmouth previously. The carrier then put to sea, and flying displays were given by the flights on board that ship and by those on H.M.S. *Furious*. The aircraft bombed the *Courageous* with flour bags, attacked targets towed by destroyers, and finally launched torpedoes against the *Courageous*. At the close of the flying display a message was wirelessed to all ships "Stand by to receive a message from the King." The Prince of Wales was flown off the deck in the cockpit of a Fairey 3.F, followed by Prince George in another. When overhead, the Prince of Wales, in the name of the King, broadcast the following message: "It gave me great pleasure to inspect the ships' companies I saw aboard the Fleet Flagship this morning. I am now enjoying watching the operations of the aircraft carriers." After flying over the whole fleet, the two Princes landed again on the deck of the *Courageous*.

World Flight Hold Up

THE two American airmen, Bennett Griffin and James Mattern, who, as reported last week, set out from New York on July 5 on a flight round the world in a Lockheed "Vega," have met with early misfortune. Having successfully crossed the Atlantic—they left Harbour Grace at 9.59 p.m. G.M.T. and landed at Berlin at 4.42 p.m. G.M.T. on July 6—in 18 hr. 43 min., a record crossing, they resumed their journey after a short rest and proceeded to Moscow. They were long overdue at Moscow, however, and at first some fears were felt for their safety, until on July 8 it was reported that they had made a forced landing in a bog at Borrisov, near Minsk. The machine was wrecked and both were slightly injured. They went on to Moscow by train, and considered plans for another attempt next year!

Mollison's Atlantic Flight Preparations

ACCOMPANIED by his fiancée, Miss Amy Johnson, Mr. James Allan Mollison flew from Stag Lane to Baldonnell, Co. Dublin, on July 8, to confer with Capt. J. P. Saul (navigator of the monoplane *Southern Cross* on the transatlantic flight of 1930), on the course he should follow when he attempts to fly to New York and back in two and a-half days next month. Mr. Mollison told our Irish representative that he would follow the Great Circle course as far as possible and would probably land at Harbour Grace, Newfoundland. Next day Mr. Mollison, with Miss Johnson and Capt. Saul as passengers, flew to Portmarnock Strand in north County Dublin. After spending some time in inspecting the beach, Mr. Mollison said

that it was ideal for the taking off of a heavily laden machine. "The surface is as hard as concrete, the approaches are perfectly clear and the prevailing south-westerly wind blows straight down the beach," he remarked, "I shall certainly take off from here on my Atlantic flight." It is understood that Mr. Mollison intends to use a "Puss Moth" aeroplane fitted with tankage for 175 gallons of petrol. He will leave Portmarnock about the middle of August during the full moon period. He estimates that he will require a run of three-quarters of a mile to get his machine off the ground.

Capt. Stack Home

CAPT. N. STACK, who flew to India to demonstrate the Spartan "Mailplane," has been hurrying back to England in order to take part in the King's Cup Air Race. He met with several delays, however, and was unable to get back in time. He arrived in Blackpool on July 10.

Madrid-Philippines Flight

DON FERNANDO REIN, a Spanish pilot, has completed a flight from Madrid to the Philippines in a Spanish machine fitted with a British engine. He left Madrid last April and flew via North Africa, Iraq, India, Burmah, Siam, Indo-China and Hong Kong.

Prince Michael of Roumania Learning to Fly

PRINCE MICHAEL, heir to the Roumanian throne, who is 11 years of age, is learning to fly under the instruction of the Roumanian pilot Opris, on a machine owned by his uncle, Prince Nicholas.

M. Bata Killed

M. THOMAS BATA, the Czechoslovak millionaire shoe manufacturer, who has made considerable use of aircraft in connection with his business, was killed on July 12, together with his pilot, M. Broucek, when his machine crashed near Zlin on starting out for a business flight.

National Aviation Day Displays

DISPLAYS in connection with Sir Alan Cobham's National Aviation Day Campaign will be held as follows:— July 16, Bletchley, Fountain Hotel Aerodrome, Loughton. July 17, Coventry, Whitley Abbey Aerodrome. July 18, Market Harborough, Cote Hill Aerodrome, Husbands Bosworth. July 19, Peterborough, Castor Hill. July 20, Hunstanton, Church Farm, Ringstead Road, Heacham. July 21, Thetford, Lodge Farm, Croxton Road. July 22, Cromer, Laurel Farm, North Repps. July 23, Norwich, Mousehold Aerodrome. July 24, Great Yarmouth, Wheatcroft Farm, Gorleston. July 25, Ipswich, Municipal Airport, Nacton Road. July 26, Clacton-on-Sea, The Flying Ground, Alton Park Road. July 27, Merstham, Alderstead Farm. July 28, Heston, Heston Airport. July 29, Herne Bay, Parsonage Farm, Margate Road, Broomfield. July 30, Deal, Coldblow Farm, Walmer Road.



A formation flight over Stag Lane in "Moths" of the London Aeroplane Club by members of the British Aviation Insurance Co. The pilots are (left to right) G. Store (Technical Agent in Cape Town), A. Goodfellow (Legal Dept.), A. G. Lamplugh (Underwriter and Principal Surveyor), A. G. Hayward (Continental Manager), W. R. Massey (Claims Dept.). (FLIGHT Photos.)