



Mr. I. W. Schlesinger, the donor of the £10,000 prize money. He has generously suggested that the finishers' money which will remain unclaimed should be paid to the dependants of Findlay and Morgan, who met with a fatal accident in the race.



Mr. Giles Guthrie and Mr. C. W. A. Scott. Above is their victorious Vega. Connop Guthrie. A description of the machine and its equip

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*How C. W. A. Scott and Giles Guthrie (Vega) Johannesburg Race : Tragedy Mars the Event's*

**T**WO days, four hours and fifty-seven minutes after the start at Portsmouth Airport (fully described in *Flight* last week) the Schlesinger African race had been won by Mr. C. W. A. Scott and Mr. Giles Guthrie in a Percival Vega Gull. They covered 6,150 miles at an all-in average of 116 m.p.h. and at a flying average of 156.3 m.p.h. When Scott put down at the Rand Airport, Germiston, the Vega Gull was one of the only two machines definitely still in the race, and a few hours later tragedy overtook the other—the Airspeed Envoy flown by Findlay and Waller.

Meanwhile, the only remaining possible finishers, F/O. Clouston (Miles Hawk Six) and Victor Smith (Miles Sparrow Hawk), were held up respectively at Khartoum and Salonika. The former was awaiting the arrival of a spare piston and the latter had found that his oil supply had dwindled and that

there was a serious outflow from the front of his engine. Actually, it turned out that the return valve in his oil tank had been choked and that his engine was, consequently, more or less full of oil. Not unnaturally, the oil emerged from the forward bearing. Eventually he pushed on to Khartoum, but retired again there when he realised that he could not possibly finish in time.

When F/O. Clouston took off again he had about two days in which to cover the remainder of the course—a matter of 3,000 miles. He flew about 2,300 miles to Entebbe and Mtoko, where he landed owing to fuel shortage, and took off again with bad weather ahead of him. He was overdue by several hours on Saturday evening, and was eventually discovered with his wrecked machine about 150 miles south of Salisbury.



A refresher for Victor Smith at the turning point at Belgrade. He retired his Sparrow Hawk at Khartoum after earlier delays, though at one time it looked as though he might be a finisher.

