

HERE AND THERE

R.A.F. Appointment

AIR VICE-MARSHAL HUGH HENRY MACLEOD FRAZER, C.B., has been appointed Director-General of Repair and Maintenance at M.A.P.

Royal Air Force Club

THE annual general meeting of the Royal Air Force Club will take place at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 30th, 1944.

"One More River to Cross"

AN Egyptian company is to open a direct airline service between Damascus and Cairo as a result of negotiations between Syria and Egypt.

Syrian "Hendon"

MASS demonstrations of aerobatics and parachute descents were recently staged by the R.A.F. in a three-day air pageant at Damascus; under the patronage of the President of the Syrian Republic, M. Shukri Kouatly.

Multum in Parvo

IT was announced by Rio de Janeiro radio that a Brazilian squadron of airmen under the command of Major Bora has recently embarked for Europe, where it will go into action with the Allies.

Shannon Airport

THE sum of £400,000 for the development of the Shannon Airport at Foynes, on which it is proposed to spend altogether £1,700,000, figures in the list of items in Eire's supply services for 1944-45.

Martian Record

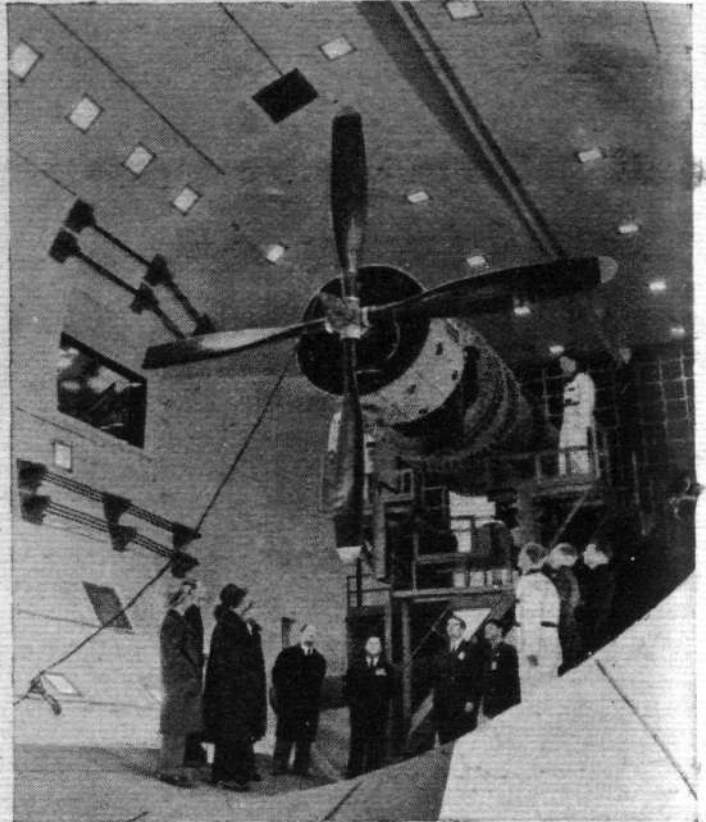
MARS has broken another record. The huge transport landed recently at San Francisco carrying 800,000 letters, weighing 23,846 lb., the largest mail load yet shipped by air from the Pacific.

Besides the mail, the ship carried more than half a ton of war materials.

Blimps to the Rescue

U.S. Navy "blimps" operating from Rio de Janeiro, have rescued over 500 American airmen forced down in the forests of the Amazon and the deserts

DRAUGHT BOARD: A 16ft. 8in. electric air-screw mounted for type test in a new U.S. testing chamber. The engine is a 2,200 h.p. unit, and the strain-gauge "pineapple" can be seen on the hub.



of North-Eastern and Central Brazil. It has been reported by Reuter.

In every case the blimps located the lost airman, landed, picked him up, and flew off again.

Once, Lieut. J. G. Dougherty baled out of his blimp and with the help of the man on the ground, pulled it in to land, a task usually done by a ground crew of 50.

To Help Brazilian Pilots

FLY. LT. Walter Prettyman, R.A.F., will accompany Brazilian Air Force pilots who are members of the Brazilian Air Mission to this country when they return to Brazil, Rio de Janeiro Radio, quoted by Reuter, has announced.

He will help the Brazilian officers to draft their reports on their visit to Britain.

Speed of the Mustang

THE U.S. War Department has "permitted the disclosure" that the P-51 Mustang fighter is "the world's fastest aircraft with a level flight speed of more than 425 miles an hour."

"It has a tactical radius of action well over 500 miles. With a four-blade air-screw and a Packard-built Rolls-Royce Merlin engine it can attain a height of 40,000 feet."

Blazing the Trail

SIR PHILIP HALDIN, chairman and joint managing director of the Lamport and Holt Shipping Line, told the annual meeting the other day that the group of five shipping companies, of which Lamport and Holt is one, hoped before long to blaze the trail of air transport to South America.

"What we have an especial interest in is the carrying of post office mail and the highest class of fine goods, and in our view it will be that form of carriage by air from which we ourselves shall probably benefit the most."

Only One Refusal

TEN airline companies have, up to the time of writing, accepted the invitation of North-Eastern Airways, Ltd., to attend a meeting in London in May. They are: Wrightways, Ltd., Air Dispatch, Ltd., Portsmouth Aviation, Ltd., Det Norske Luftfartselshap, Ceskoslovenska Stalni Aeroline, Ceskoslovenska Letecka Spolecnost, Det Danske Luftfartselshap, American Export Airlines, Inc., S.A.B.E.N.A., and Air France.

Contrary to a recent announcement in a contemporary journal intimating that the majority of the airlines invited had refused, North-Eastern says it has so far had only one refusal, namely, from B.O.A.C., who say that the moment is not opportune for discussions of this nature.

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MR. D. McVEY, the Australian Postal Director, has been appointed Director-General of Civil Aviation in succession to Mr. A. B. Corbett, who is retiring. In making this announcement, Mr. A. S. Drakeford, the Commonwealth

