

HERMES FOR BRITISH AIRLINES

Specifically designed for Empire routes

Fast, comfortable Handley Page Hermes airliners, post-war civil transports in the true sense and specifically designed for the Empire routes, will be operated by British airlines.

Twenty-five Hermes IVs, Britain's fastest airliners, with a maximum speed of 350 m.p.h., have been ordered by the Ministry of Supply. These 37-ton civil transports, fitted with tricycle undercarriages, are for operation by the British Overseas Airways Corporation on its Empire services. Designed for stratosphere flying, these high-performance airliners will be pressurised and air-conditioned. Luxurious accommodation for some 40 passengers, high speed and economical opera-

tion over Empire routes are their salient features.

Hermes IV, powered by Bristol Hercules engines, aggregating more than 8,000 take-off horsepower, cruises at 297 m.p.h., has a payload of more than 7½ tons and a range of over 3,500 miles.

Economy of operation is exemplified by the aircraft's



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