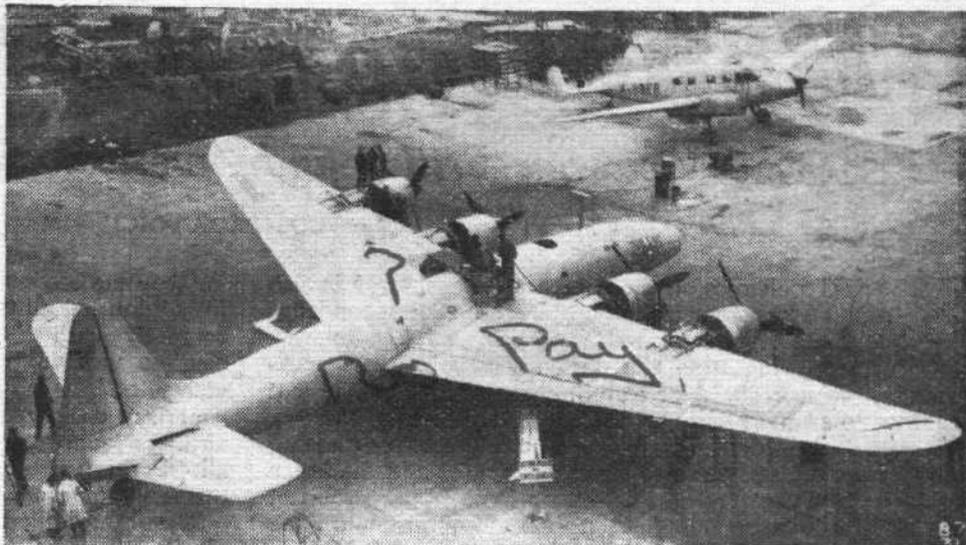


HERE AND THERE

PEACEABLE "P.R.": Designed specifically for high altitude photography, the French S.E. 1010 (four Gnome-Rhone 14 R engines) was the subject of notes in "Flight" of October 23rd last year. The type will be used by the French Geographical Institute for survey work in Africa.



Fairey Band's Success

THE Fairey Aviation Works Band was informed on May 3rd that it had won the International Trophy in the Musical Festival Contest at Hillegom, Holland, at which it competed against 33 other bands on April 24th. While in Holland the band played in five of the principal cities and made two broadcasts.

Britannia Trophy Presented

THE Britannia Trophy for the most meritorious performance each year in British aviation was presented to S/L. Martin, D.S.O., D.F.C., and S/L. Sismore, D.S.O., D.F.C., on May 5th. Sir Francis McClean handed the trophy to the winners at the Royal Aero Club Aviation Centre, Londonderry House, Park Lane. The award was made for their flight on April 30th-May 1st, 1947, of 6,011 miles from London Airport to Cape Town, at an average speed of 279.256 m.p.h. in a D.H. Mosquito, as reported in *Flight*, February 26th.

Fred Weick's New Post

CHAMPION of two-control aircraft and the designer of the Ercoupe, Mr. Fred E. Weick, has been appointed

Distinguished Professor and Research Engineer at Texas A. & M. College, where he will be in charge of the Personal Aircraft Research Centre which is being established in the Department of Aeronautical Engineering. The programme will include concentrated research on improving handling characteristics of light aircraft, and design simplification and ease of manufacture will also be studied.

A.I.P. at B.I.F.

TWENTY-TWO of the 31 journals published by Associated Iliffe Press, the largest group of its kind in the world, are exhibited at the Castle Bromwich section of the British Industries Fair. These 22 journals cover many branches of engineering which are of interest to foreign visitors, and include *Flight* and *Aircraft Production*.

Miles Aircraft

AN application by the Board of Trade for the appointment of an inspector to investigate the affairs of Miles Aircraft, Ltd., was recently granted by Mr. Justice Roxburgh. The B.O.T. case was that when a prospectus was issued in March, 1947 (before the accounts for 1946

were published), the directors should reasonably have been expected to know that all was not well with the company, and when, in August, 1947, a dividend of 7½ per cent and a bonus of 2½ per cent were recommended, they should reasonably have been expected to know that a big loss was being suffered by the company.

Aero Research

THE well-known Swiss company, CIBA, Limited, has acquired a controlling interest in Aero Research, Ltd., of Duxford. For some time a very close technological co-operation has existed between the two companies, and now plans have been approved for a large-scale expansion of research work on synthetic resins and the manufacture of industrial adhesives. Full managerial control will be retained by the present directors and shareholders, Dr. N. A. de Bruyne and Mr. R. F. G. Lea.

News in Brief

Temporary conditions prevailing at a number of airfields in the U.K. are set out in Notice to Airmen No. 158. At Nutts Corner, Belfast, demolition of concrete gun posts is in progress.

One of the 12 Douglas DC-6 airliners ordered by K.L.M., of which three have been delivered, broke its back at Schiphol airport recently during a landing and take-off practice flight. The crew of four were all slightly injured.

Two new Arctic weather stations, third and fourth of nine stations being set up by Canada and the United States along possible Polar air routes, are expected to be opened at Prince Patrick Island and on the Southern Isachsen Peninsula, about 900 miles from the Pole.

Major-General E. M. Powers, who, as assistant deputy chief of the material division of the U.S.A.A.F., led a U.S. mission to Britain on gas turbines last June recently returned to continue discussions on research and development. Seven members of his service and civilian staff accompanied him.

Mr. William Allen, president of the Boeing Aircraft Company, commenting on a strike at Boeing's, hinted that the company might move from Seattle, though he did not give details.



FREIGHTERS for SPAIN: Four Bristol Freighters have been ordered by *Aviacion Y Comercio*, the Spanish business firm. Two of these left Filton on May 1st for Madrid piloted by Lieut. Col. M. Cuadra, chief pilot of the Spanish organization and Mr. W. Gibb, B.A.C. test pilot. Members of the Bristol staff saw them off.