



FIRST JET TRANSPORT

THE week-end dash to Paris and back by the Vickers-Armstrongs Nene-Viking, which may fairly lay claim to the title "world's first jet airliner," was the subject of an article in "Flight" of July 29th. On the outward trip the average speed was 394 m.p.h.—only 14 m.p.h. below the officially declared maximum—and the return journey took only

36 min 30 sec. In level flight the thrust of the Nenes is restricted out of respect for the Viking's structure, though this is robust enough in all conscience; but the climb to 10,000ft (Yak pilots please note!) is said to take a mere three minutes. It is not, of course, proposed to subject passengers to this rapid rate of ascent.

