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## U.S. Civil-Jet Subsidy?

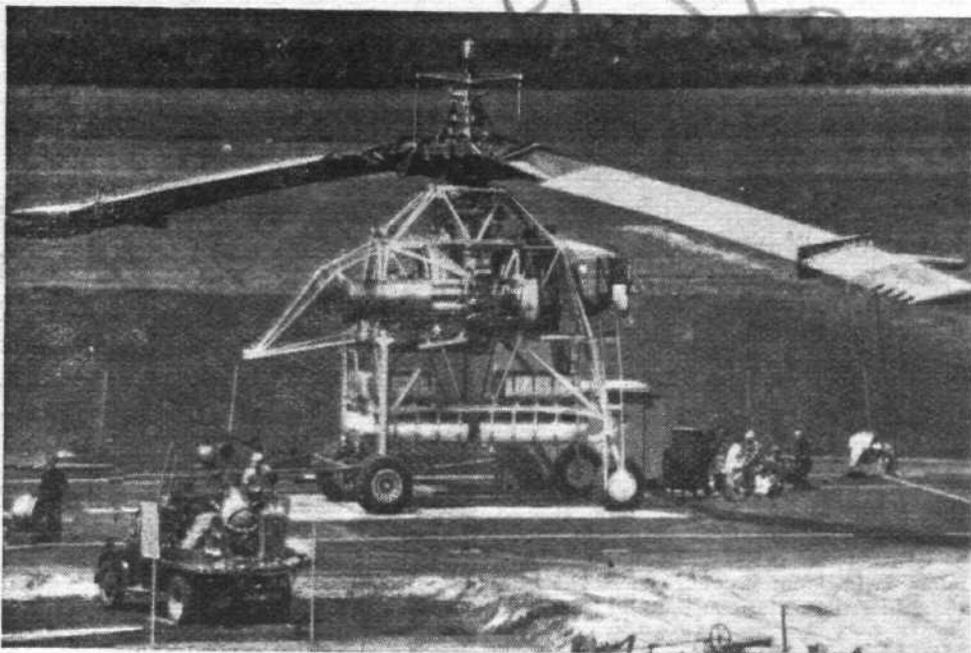
IT is reported that the U.S. Budget Bureau has set aside £4 million as a subsidy—yet to be approved by Congress—towards development of gas-turbine airliners as an answer to the Comet. In some quarters there has been opposition to such help: it is regarded as the thin end of a nationalization wedge.

## Finned Freighter

A MILITARY version of the Bristol Type 170 Freighter, shown to members of the Western Union Air Advisory Committee some weeks ago, is fitted with a dorsal fin.

## Glider Endurance Record

AN attempt on the world's two-seater glider endurance record (standing at 50 hr 26 min to the credit of a German crew in 1938) was to have been made recently by Mr. John Free and another member of the Cambridge University Gliding Club. The weather, however, has been so consistently unsuitable that the attempt has now been postponed until the Club holds its summer camp in June. The sailplane to be used is a Kranich, and it will be equipped with a Marconi walkie-talkie set.



FLYING BEDSTEAD: Secured from a hillside with the aid of a 40-inch telephoto lens, this picture reveals the Hughes XH 17 weight-lifting, turbine-powered helicopter being prepared for static tests. By comparison, the Cierva resembles a steeplechaser.

## A King's Cup Reminder

ENTRIES for the King's Cup Race, which is to take place at Wolverhampton on June 17th, close in less than a fortnight—namely, on April 19th. Closing date for entries for the Goodyear Trophy Race, to be held at the same airfield the following day (June 18th) is also April 19th. The award of the King's Cup (for which only British pilots are eligible to compete) carries with it a cash prize of £150.

## Tightening the Bond

LIVE attacks on ground targets were demonstrated at Old Sarum last week during a four-day conference, on close support land forces, which was attended by some 100 senior Air Force and Army officers of the five Western Union powers. Running commentaries in French and English accompanied each demonstration.

## R.P.s for Bomber Defence

AS intimated by Stanley H. Evans in "American Notebook" (*Flight*, March 23rd, 1950), research is being conducted by the U.S.A.F. into the possibility of using rocket projectiles as the defensive armament of bombers. *Aviation Week* now reports that a Convair B-36, with six turret-housed, twin rocket-launchers (one turret forward,



TOW-LINE EXPORT: One of the Eon Olympia sailplanes being towed by the prototype Newbury Eon (below) from the makers' works to Lympne preparatory to the start of one of the export flights to Denmark (see accompanying paragraph). Marking, so to speak, the other end of the scale, the sailplane makes an interesting contrast to the "Danish" Meteor illustrated on p. 424. *Flight* photographs.

## Delivering the Goods

AS foreshadowed recently in *Flight*, Elliotts of Newbury, Ltd., have adopted a novel method of exporting some of their Eon Olympia sailplanes. Three, destined for the Royal Danish Air Force training station at Karup, in Jutland, are being towed out this week in a series of ferry flights via Ostend, Ypenburg and Hamburg. Mr. W. L. Jennings is flying each sailplane, with Mr. Lostak piloting the tug—the prototype Newbury Eon. Last Friday, also, the Belgian Verviers Flying Club took aero-tow delivery of another Olympia, presented to them by the town of Spa.

