

HERE and THERE

Venoms by Bristol

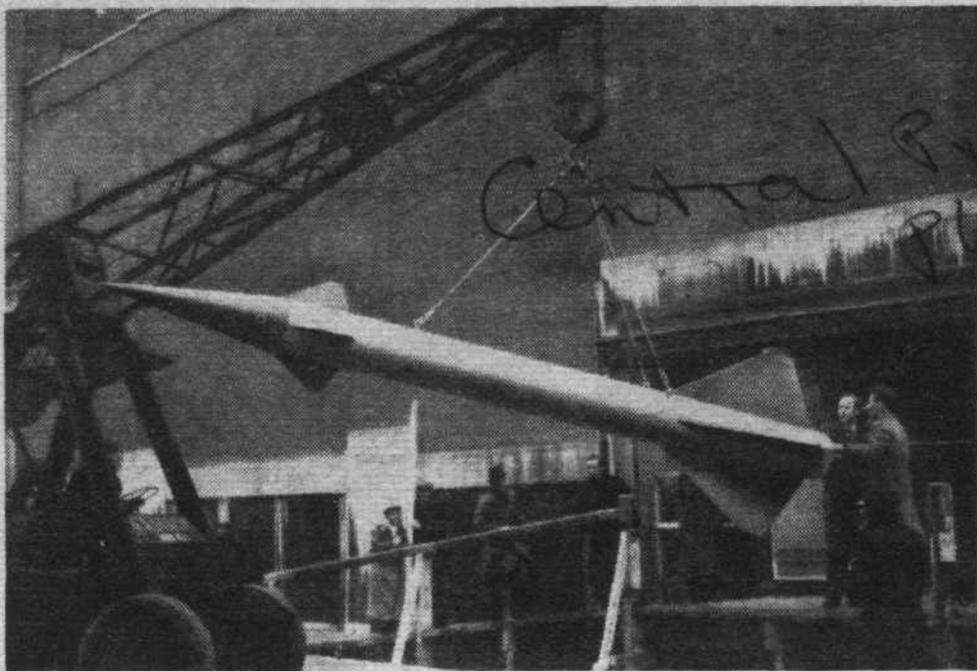
DE HAVILLAND'S own production of Venom interceptors is to be supplemented by the Bristol Aeroplane Company, which is undertaking Venom manufacture at the request of the Ministry of Supply. The Bristol company's aircraft division is also engaged on long-term development of guided missiles; and the engine division, it was recently announced, is to build Rolls-Royce Avon turbojets to meet increased defence requirements. Employment in Bristol's Aircraft Division has been increasing for some time past, and the new programme will, of course, mean its maintenance at a high level.

Hydrofin Claims

ARRIVING in New York, Mr. Christopher Hook, the British inventor of the Hydrofin airscrew-driven craft, stated that the Admiralty had begun to take some interest in the anti-submarine possibilities of the Hydrofin. "It cannot be torpedoed," said Mr. Hook. He claimed a speed of 50 m.p.h. and said that single-seater models would cost about £350.

"Met" Aircraft Lost

A HALIFAX of the R.A.F., engaged on a meteorological flight and carrying a crew of eight, was seen by members of the crew of the Fleetwood trawler *Flanders* to crash into the sea about 15 miles south-west of the island of Barra, in the Outer Hebrides, on December 29th. Wreckage was found and a B.E.A. Dakota, flying from Stornoway to Glasgow, diverted to circle the area until relieved by an R.A.F. machine. Capt. A. Hadley, pilot of the Dakota, reported seeing an R.A.F. dinghy half overturned.



"LIGHT BLUE TOUCH PAPER . . ." Arriving at the New Agricultural Hall for the School-boys' Exhibition, which runs until January 13th, is this British experimental rocket—20ft long and of 17in diameter. Ministry of Supply and R.A.F. exhibits are well patronized.

Canuck and Orenda Production

SIR ROY DOBSON, president of Avro Canada, has announced that the company is going ahead immediately with new assembly lines for the CF-100 twin-jet heavy fighter and the Orenda axial-flow turbojet. "The Canuck," said Sir Roy, "is now recognized by the Royal Canadian Air Force as the front-line fighter for over-the-Pole warfare." The Orenda has been fully tested in the F-86 Sabre fighter and may later be used to power Canadian-built Sabres.

Journalist Honoured

AMONG the names in the New Year Honours List is that of Mr. R. W. Haddon, C.B.E., upon whom a knighthood is conferred. Mr. Haddon is deputy chairman of Associated Iliffe Press (whose control of 33 journals—among which is included *Flight*—makes it the largest trade Press group in the world) and a director of various of its subsidiary companies. As managing editor of *Farmer and Stock-Breeder*, and as chairman of the

Ministry of Agriculture's Publicity Advisory Committee, he has had much to do with the country's food production; he was, incidentally, responsible for the famous slogan "Dig for Victory." From 1940 to 1946 he was chairman of the Red Cross Agriculture Fund, which raised approximately £8½ million.

Gliding Record Claim

MR. MARTIN WARNER, of the Sydney Soaring Club, claims an Empire glider height record of more than 26,000ft—4,662ft higher than the British record. A new world record of 42,000ft was claimed last Saturday by an American, Mr. William S. Ivans.

Meteors for Japan

THE resident minister for Australia, Mr. E. J. Harrison, announced on December 29th that a number of officers and airmen of the Royal Australian Air Force had arrived in Great Britain by air from Australia to study the maintenance and operation of the Meteors lately acquired by the R.A.A.F. After completion of their courses, said Mr. Harrison, they will go to Japan, where the R.A.A.F. squadron to be re-equipped is based. As already reported, the Meteors are Mk. 8s, of the type now being delivered to R.A.F. squadrons.

Smiling Through

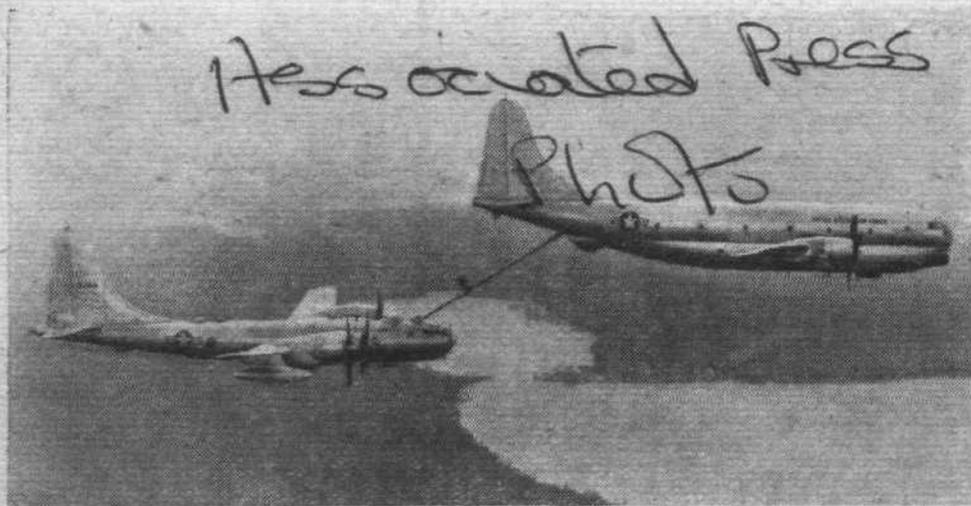
TOWER: "Stratocruiser KZ—you are landing downwind on the wrong runway."

Pilot: "Roger. You can't be too careful."

—from the *de Havilland Gazette*, which, among a number of "Christmas specials" that have reached us during recent weeks, deserves special mention for its sustained high level of dry wit with a genuinely aeronautical flavour.

Invaders versus Rebels

AMERICA is sending 30 Douglas B-26 Invader light bombers to the French forces fighting the Vietminh rebels in Indo-China. Until they received 40 Grumman Hellcat fighter-bombers last



STRATOFREIGHTER TANKER: Refuelling a B-50D Superfortress by the Boeing "flying boom" method is a KC-97A Stratofreighter, adapted as a tanker. The standard Stratofreighter carries 135 fully equipped troops, 83 litter patients with medical supplies and attendants, or up to 68,000lb of freight.