Turbomeca licence in this country.

course, have a particular interest in small
gas-turbine development with Rolls-
Royce during the war, was in charge of the
main D.H. airscrew factory at Lostock,
Lancashire.

The Small Gas Turbine

THE potentialities of the small gas turbine
formed the subject of a lecture to be given
last Wednesday, November 4th, to mem-
ers of the Brough branch of the R.Ae.S.
The paper was by Mr. F. R. Bell, who was
appointed chief designer (engines) to
Blackburn and General Aircraft, Ltd.,
last November. Mr. Bell, who was engaged
in the design of the Avon RA.23 and Rolls-Royce
Conway RC.03, in addition, has known D.H.8
components to be made at Edmonton will,
in the first place, be for the airscrews on
the Bristol Britannia, and a second pro-
duction line will turn out blades for those
of the Blackburn Beverley. The main
D.H. airscrew factory is at Lostock,
Lancashire.

For Machining Big Blades

PRODUCTION is to begin next month
in a new factory which de Havilland
Propellers, Ltd., have acquired at Edmon-
ton, in North London, for machining
operations on hollow-steel blades. The
components to be made at Edmonton will
be turned straight to the M.o.S. establish-
ment.

World Power Conference

THREE lectures on "British Develop-
ments in Gas Turbines" will be given at
next year's Rio de Janeiro meeting of the
World Power Con-
ference. Sir Harold
Roxbee-Cox (Chief
Scientist, Ministry of
Fuel and Power) will
deliver the intro-
ductive lecture; a paper on
Gas Turbines on
Land and Sea will be
given by A. T. Bow-
den (C. A. Parsons
and Co., Ltd.) and
R. J. Welsh (English
Electric Co., Ltd.),
and Prof. W. R. Haw-
thorne, Professor of
Applied Thermo-
dynamics at Cam-
bidge, will lecture on
Gas Turbines for

SECRET ENTRY? Our post has been noticeably swelled since an advertisement appeared last
week (page 16) depicting an unfamiliar-looking aircraft apparently on its way in the race to
New Zealand. Some readers identified the "Canberra" correctly; others remained puzzled.
It was the R-R. Trent-Meteor 1, first turboprop aircraft to fly, and here shown with the Editor
at the controls. An "In the Air" description appeared on March 18th, 1948.

Aviation. Details of the meeting, which is to take place from July 25th to August
8th, may be obtained from the British National Committee, World Power Con-
ference, 201-2 Grand Buildings, Trafal-

Sports Planner

MR. HAROLD GILLMAN, director-
general of the F.A.I., was in Yugoslavia
last week to discuss the organization of
aeronautical Olympic Games and the
second World Parachuting Contest.

U.S.N. Strength

The U.S. NAVY is now operating 9,940
aircraft, according to figures revealed last
week by Mr. Anderson, Secretary of the
Navy. Of 1,129 ships in commission, 14
are aircraft carriers.

Wandering Wool

FOR a year, a South Australian grazier
had searched on horseback for 300 lost
sheep. Then, a few weeks ago, he enlisted
the aid of a neighbouring Auster owner—
and the pilot spotted the flock in two
hours. They were in thick scrub only 15
miles from the grazier's home.

First In

SINCE the atomic-bomb test at Woomera
three weeks ago, the names have become
known of the crew which took a Canberra,
equipped with collecting-scoops, through
the cloud of radio-active vapour six
minutes after the explosion. The pilot
was W/C. G. H. Dhatkin, who is Deputy
Principal Medical Officer (Flying) at
Bomber Command H.Q.; and with him
was G/C. D. A. Wilson, a radiology
specialist at the Central Medical Estab-
ishment.

R.Ae.C. Film Show

THE first of this winter's Royal Aero
Club film shows will be held at London-
derry House at 6.15 p.m. on Tuesday,
November 17th. The film will be
M.G.M.'s The Secret Land, a factual
record, in Technicolor, of the U.S. Navy's
South Polar survey, commanded by
Admiral Byrd. Admission is confined to
R.Ae.C. members and their guests.

Car Test Data

FOR the third year in succession, our
associated journal The Autocar has re-
printed in book form 30 of its representa-
itive road-test reports on new cars. Cover-
ing in 96 pages 22 current British vehicles
and eight of French, Italian, German and
American origin, The Autocar Road Tests
1953 is now available at 5s (postage 4d)
from the publishers, Iliffe and Sons, Ltd.,
Dorset House, Stamford Street, S.E.1.