

HERE AND THERE

International "Nationals"

BY last week-end, the lead in America's national soaring contests (which were due to end yesterday) had been taken by a well-known British glider pilot, Cdr. H. C. Goodhart. After four days his total points were 625; Bob Smith of Pennsylvania had scored 590 and Bill Ivans of California 569.

P-16 Brake Failure

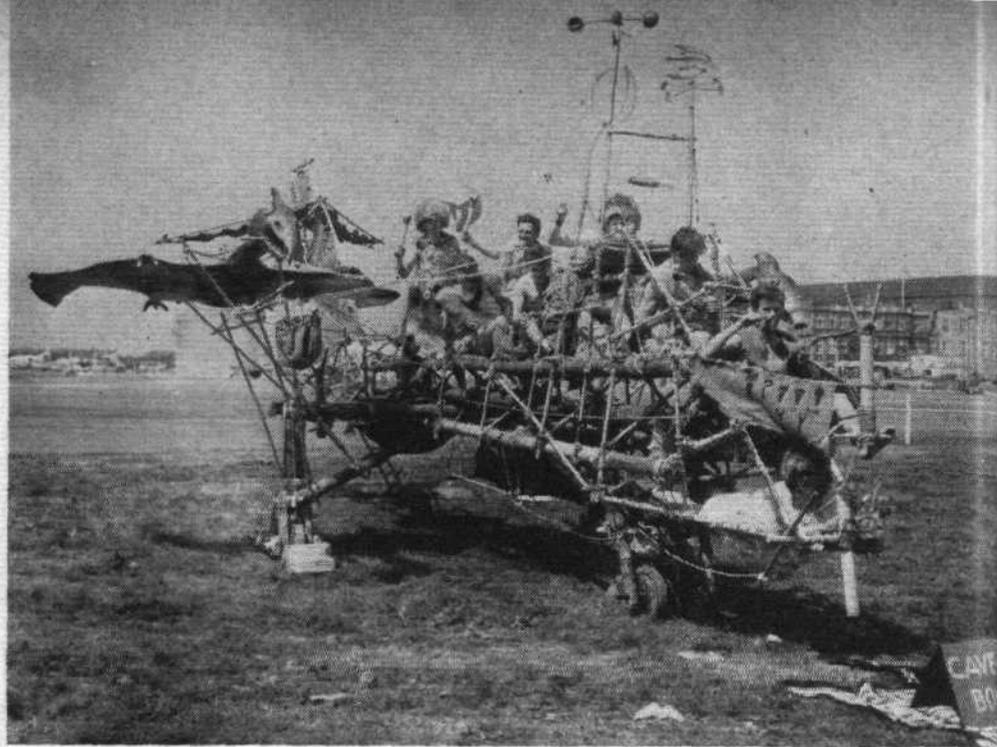
THE first Swiss-designed jet fighter, the P-16 (*Flight*, June 3rd, p. 759), was damaged last week at Altenrhein when it overshoot the runway following brake failure. The aircraft overran railway tracks and "parts of the landing gear" (the P-16 has six wheels) were torn off. Flying should be resumed in about seven weeks' time.

Bang in London, S.E.—

THE mystery of a bang which awakened people in the South-East London area in the early hours of July 5th, subsequently causing widespread speculation, was finally solved on the evening of July 7th. It was then that the Hawker Siddeley Group issued a statement to the effect that W/C. "Dickie" Martin, accompanied by an R.A.F. observer, F/L. R. Jefferies, had been testing a Javelin over the Home Counties at that time. The pilot, it was stated, had unintentionally exceeded the speed of sound while endeavouring to free an entangled oxygen tube. W/C. Martin later said that for some weeks he and other pilots had been busily engaged on Javelin night flying; the development programme had been speeded up.

—Echoes in Westminster

ON Monday last, the Javelin's bang, and supersonic bangs in general, were the subject of Parliamentary questions. Mr. Maudling, Minister of Supply, spoke of measures now in hand. Most supersonic flying would be diverted out to sea, and he



FOR CLUB USE, though officially designated *Caveman Bomber*, is this wondrous aerodyne, demonstrated at the R.A.E. Jubilee celebrations, described in earlier pages.

also proposed to instruct contractors and M.o.S. establishments that no such flying should take place below 30,000ft except in special circumstances. Broadly similar steps were being taken by the Service departments and by Commonwealth and Allied air forces serving in the U.K.

Forward-facing Seat

DR. J. H. ARGYRIS, Reader in the Theory of Aeronautical Structures, has been appointed to the Chair of Aeronautical Structures in the University of London, tenable at Imperial College. The new Chair is the first of its kind to be created in this country and the Commonwealth.

Down-to-earth T.V.

THE Air Ministry is considering B.B.C. proposals for a series of live television broadcasts, dealing with R.A.F. technical duties, to be made direct from aircraft on August 27th-29th. Successful experimental transmissions, from take-off to touch-down, were made recently from an R.A.F. Varsity.

Sociable Week-end

EIGHTY aircraft, carrying a total of some 300 R.Ae.C. members and friends, took part in the Club's Deauville Rally, held last week-end in brilliant weather—though fog delayed some participants on the outward journey. Mr. Peter Vanneck (Tiger Moth) won the sealed-time arrival contest,

and Mr. T. F. W. Gunton (G.A. Cygnet) was awarded the prize for the best answer in a "first impressions on landing" competition.

Herald Registrations

REGISTRATIONS G-AODE and G-AODF have been allocated to the first and second prototype Handley Page *Heralds*. The first aircraft, though built in the Handley Page (Reading) factory at Woodley, is to be taken to Radlett for its initial flight trials due to begin shortly.

FARNBOROUGH FACTS

THE following preliminary information will assist readers who are making early plans for visits to the S.B.A.C. Show. *Dates:* Monday, September 5th, aircraft industry technicians' day; 6-8th, trade days; Friday, 9th, public premiere; Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th, public days. *Prices:* Friday—£1, children (under 14) 10s., cars £1 (plus fees for occupants); Saturday or Sunday—5s, children 2s 6d., cars £1 10s including six occupants (excess passengers at normal fees), motor cycle parking 2s 6d. Children are to be admitted on the three public days only. Tickets for the Friday only may be obtained in advance through Auto-Parks, Ltd., 1-31 Maclise Road, London, N.14.

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R.E.s AT THE R.A.E.—from No. 4 Training Regiment, Aldershot. Their show, complete with man-lifting kites, balloon, winch wagon, and team of horses, was organized by Brigadier P. W. L. Broke-Smith, in collaboration with Colonel Cody's son.

