

FROM ALL QUARTERS

Not so Incidental

A PROTEST has been made to *Life* magazine by Mr. John Peck, of the British Information Services in New York, about the use of the phrase "incidental air community" in referring to Britain in the magazine's recent "Air Age" issue.

In his letter to *Life*, Mr. Peck says that Britain developed the first jet engine and holds the world speed and altitude records; that the U.S. Navy is using three aircraft carrier aids, the angled deck, the steam catapult and the mirror landing device, which are all British-designed; and that after the last war the U.S. Air Force and Navy used British engines for which U.S. firms bought manufacturing rights.

"Surely a country with such a history of technical achievement hardly deserves to be called an 'incidental air community,'" said Mr. Peck.

The National Air Races

TODAY and tomorrow, July 20 and 21, the National Air Races and British Lockheed Trophy International Aerobatic Competition are being held at Baginton Aerodrome, near Coventry. Preliminary rounds for the Lockheed Trophy are being flown this evening (Friday) from 5.15 to 7.45 p.m., and the final competition between 2.15 and 3.15 tomorrow afternoon. Third rounds of the S.B.A.C. and Osram Cup and the Kemsley and Goodyear Trophy races will be held tomorrow morning (Saturday) between 10.30 and 12.30, and the King's Cup Air Race in the afternoon from 3.57 to 4.47 p.m.

Today the gates will be opened to the public at 1.30 p.m. and admission prices will be:—Public enclosure: adults 1s, children (under 15) 6d; reserved seats: adults 2s, children (under 15) 1s; parking: cars 1s, motor cycles 6d. Tomorrow (Saturday) gates will be open at 9.30 a.m. and the charges will be:—Public enclosure: adults 2s 6d, children 1s; reserved seats: adults 5s, children 2s 6d; parking: cars 2s 6d, motor cycle combinations 1s 6d, motor cycles 1s, coaches (in separate park) 10s. Catering facilities will be available. Enquiries for tickets or further information should be made to Mr. Harry Slade at The Council House, Coventry, Warwicks.

In addition to the races there will be a comprehensive flying display tomorrow afternoon, which is scheduled to include aerobatic displays by the U.S.A.F. Skyblazers, the French Air Force Patrouille de France and R.A.F. Hunters, glider and parachute demonstrations and a R.N. helicopter in a bicycle act. The programme ends with the prize-giving at 6.25 p.m. From 2.30 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. today, and from 10 o'clock to 12.45 p.m. and two o'clock to 6.10 p.m. on Saturday, Baginton will be closed to visiting aircraft.

Two Argentine entrants for the Lockheed Trophy, Senor Santiago Germano and Senorita Charito Maneyro Segado (the only woman pilot entered), recently sought political asylum in Uruguay and are reported as saying they are unlikely to be able to compete at Baginton this year. It was Senorita Segado who in 1951 did 963 consecutive loops to claim the world looping record. Up to the time of going to press, however, the Royal Aero Club had not received any formal notification of withdrawal from the two Argentinians.

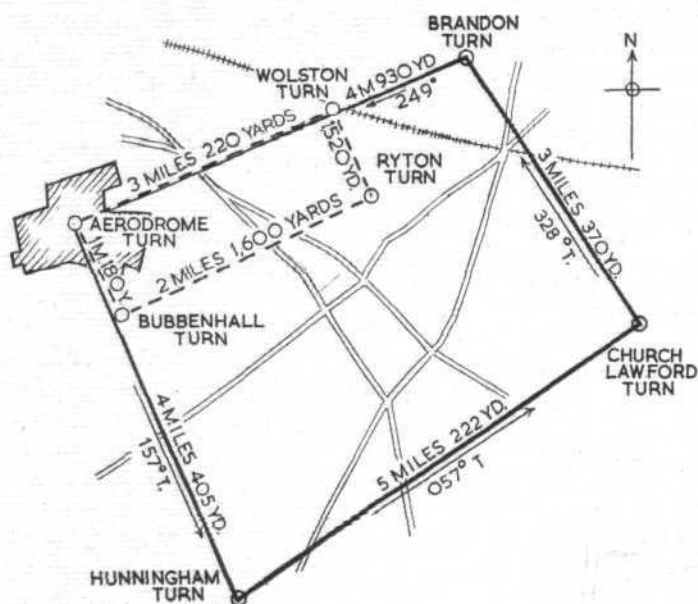
Entry lists for the third round of the races are as follows:—

S.B.A.C. Cup.—J. N. Somers (Somers-Kendall S.K.1), F. Dunkerley (Sparrowjet), R. R. Paine (Hawk Speed Six), S/L. J. Rush (Falcon-Six), G. C. Marler (Falcon-Six), A. S. K. Paine (Proctor 1), E. Crabtree (Proctor 3), W/C. R. H. McIntosh (Proctor 3). **Reserve:** P. Clifford (Mew Gull).

Osram Cup.—P. Blamire (Gemini 1a), E. Crabtree (Gemini 3), T. G. Knox (Proctor 3), E. N. Husbands (Proctor 3), A. Barker (Proctor 3), J. N. Somers (Chipmunk), J. R. Johnston (Hawk Trainer 3), J. E. G. Appleyard (Chilton D.W.1a).

Kemsley Trophy.—A. J. Spiller (Messenger 2a), C. Gregory (Taylorcraft Plus D), W. P. Bowles (Monarch), J. H. Denyer (Auster J.1N), J. M. Donald (Tiger Moth), B. J. Snook (Tiger Moth), S/L. D. P. Boulnois (Tiger Moth), J. G. Lovegrove (Tiger Moth).

Goodyear Trophy.—Miss A. Windle (Whitney Straight), H. B. Iles (Miles M.18/2), B. Maile (Tiger Moth), D. F. Ogilvy (Comper Swift), Hon. P. Vanneck (Tiger Moth), N. D. Norman (Tiger Moth), A. G. Oldham (Tiger Moth), N. H. Jones (Tiger Moth).



BAGINTON CIRCUITS for the National Air Races (short course) and King's Cup Race. The S.B.A.C. and Osram Cup contests are over four laps, the Kemsley and Goodyear Trophies over three laps, and the King's Cup over four 17-mile laps.

Canberras for India

FROM New Delhi comes a report that India has finally decided to place orders for a number of Canberras. Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Secretary of the Ministry of Defence, is likely to return home soon from England, where he is engaged in discussions concerning this important order.

An English Electric spokesman said that the final stage of negotiations was now in progress and that the number of aircraft involved would probably be "around 60." These are likely to be of the versatile Mk 8 pattern.

AERIAL FARMYARD: Three North-American F-100 Super Sabres are refuelled simultaneously by the probe-and-drogue method from a single Boeing KB-50 tanker in a test near Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

VISITING EUROPE recently was Mr. Edmund T. Price, chairman of the Solar Aircraft Company of San Diego (left). He is being greeted here by Mr. Patrick Johnson, European manager of Solar.

