

# HERE AND THERE



**THE DUKE AND THE 'DRESSERS:** As recorded last week, the Duke of Edinburgh recently watched a flying display of agricultural aircraft near Christchurch, New Zealand. His Royal Highness is here seen inspecting (left) the Edgar Percival EP.9 and (right) the Auster Agricola.

## For D.H.110 Crew-training

FIRST M.o.S. contract for a D.H.110 simulator goes to F. G. Miles, Ltd. They are the first aircraft firm in Great Britain to enter the electronic flight-simulator field.

## Farnborough Date

DATES of this year's Farnborough Show have been announced by the S.B.A.C.—Monday, September 2 until Sunday, September 8 inclusive, with the usual public admission on the last three days.

## M.o.S. Appointment

APPOINTED Director of Aircraft Mechanical Engineering Equipment Research and Development, M.o.S., is Mr. E. A. Poulton. He succeeds Mr. R. Graham, due to retire last Wednesday.

## Wingless Wonders in the Way

PARTLY because a penguin population makes aircraft landings hazardous, the U.S. Navy is moving the site of its International Geophysical Year station in the Antarctic from Cape Adare to Cape Hallett, which is also more accessible by ship and provides a larger area for conversion into a landing strip.

## Rubber Industry President

NEW president of the Institute of the Rubber Industry is Mr. A. S. Bishop, managing director of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. (Great Britain), Ltd. Associated with the rubber industry for over 40 years, he played an important part in the introduction of the "giant" tyre for road vehicles in the early 1920s.

## Indian Ocean Staging-post

THE airfield on Gan island, in the Addu Atoll group of the Maldivian Islands, is to be re-established by the R.A.F. and operated as a staging post, following consultation between the Maldivian and U.K. governments. The islands lie some 400 miles south-west of Ceylon, and the Gan base will ensure a direct air link from Britain to Australia and the Far East.

## Limited Snark Production

IN our "guided missiles" issue of December 7 last we remarked that it was unlikely that the Northrop SM-62 Snark bombardment missile would be built in quantity. On December 21 it was announced in Washington that the U.S. Air Force have placed a production contract; this is still not for a bulk quantity, but for "a limited number of continuing tests."

## Industry Comings and Goings

LAST week there was a spate of aircraft industry announcements of end-of-the-year retirements and New Year appointments. In addition to those detailed on other pages of this issue, the following moves have taken place and will be enlarged upon in our columns next week: Mr. W. A. Hargeaves has retired from the

Board of Blackburn and General Aircraft; G/C. "Tim" Morice, Dunlop aviation sales manager, has retired; Mr. Ralph R. Warren is appointed Westland personnel manager; Mr. R. V. Browne goes to manage the new Avro research establishment at Salisbury, South Australia; Mr. A. I. Fenwick succeeds Lt-Col. L. F. R. Fell as public relations manager for Rolls-Royce aero engines; and Mr. Sidney E. Veale becomes Press officer to Napier.

## New Noratlasses

DESIGNATED Nord 2506, a forthcoming development of the French Noratlas twin-boom transport is to have slotted flaps to permit operation from shorter runways and an undercarriage partially retractable on the ground to afford easier access to the freight-hold. Air brakes, and possibly Turboméca Marboré booster units, will also be fitted. Another Noratlas development is the Nord 2504, intended as an anti-submarine crew-trainer. Five are on order.

## Bristol to Montreal

FROM Bristol Aircraft, Ltd., comes the announcement that Mr. Paul Falconer, who has been one of their test pilots since 1950, has taken up a similar appointment with



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Canadair, Ltd., in Montreal. (Canadair are building under licence a maritime reconnaissance version of the Britannia for the R.C.A.F.) Paul Falconer flew Mosquitoes in Bomber Command during the war, was subsequently posted to Transport Command, and on demobilization joined British South American Airways, flying Yorks and Tudors. He has some 5,000 hours on 58 types, including 500 hours on Britannias.

## Clear-water Spotter

SLOWED by ice in the Weddell Sea, the Trans-Antarctic expedition's motor vessel *Magga Dan* has been making good use of her Auster aircraft. S/L. John Lewis,

O.C. the ship's R.A.F. detachment, signalled to the Air Ministry last week that the ship was entering heavy pack ice and that three reconnaissances had been flown. "Aircraft and ancillaries first class," he added. Later in the week S/L. Lewis made further sorties which enabled the vessel to find her way out of pack-ice three feet thick.

## "Open Skies" Dates

REVISED dates for some of the "Open Skies" photographic exhibitions in the provinces (see *Flight* last week, pages 4-6) are as follows: Manchester, February 5-11; Leicester, March 26-April 1; Belfast, May 20-28; Cardiff, June 18-24.

## Louis Blériot Lecture

THE production director of Sud-Ouest Aviation, M. Badré, is to deliver the Tenth Louis Blériot Lecture before the Royal Aeronautical Society on March 7. His subject will be *New Methods in Aircraft Production*.

## N.Z. Helicopters

UNTIL recently there were two helicopters in New Zealand, a Bell and a Hiller. Now another has been imported by an American concern, Kern Copters, Inc., who will initially undertake agricultural contacts and may later, with additional aircraft, extend their scope.

## I.A.S. President

THIS year's president of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences is Mr. Mundy I. Peale, president of Republic Aviation Corporation. He succeeds Mr. Edward R. Sharp, director of the N.A.C.A. Flight Propulsion Laboratory, and is the 25th president of the I.A.S.

## Oklahoma in Park Lane

A COLOUR film of America's National Aircraft Show at Oklahoma City last September will be screened at the Royal Aero Club's film show on Thursday, January 24 (Londonderry House, members and their guests only). The film was made by Mr. William Courtenay, who will give a commentary.

## Happy Inauguration

A NEW branch of the Vickers management mess came into use at Wisley on New Year's Day. Previously, test pilots and other members of the management staff at Wisley attended the Weybridge mess, which involved an eight-mile round trip by car each lunch-time. Guest of honour on the opening day was Mr. G. R. Edwards, managing director of Vickers-Armstrongs (Aircraft), Ltd., who was appropriately congratulated on his knighthood, which had been announced that morning.