ARNBOROUGH '82 may have more exhibitors than ever before, but the show is one of the quietest in years for several years. The lack of airline business is highlighted by Boeing's 757 and 767, which have not had an order for more than a year. Airbus Industrie is also affected, with several A300 and A310 orders recently deferred. But, for the visitor, the chance to see these aircraft in action must be one of the high points.

On the defence front, Rockwell's B-1 dominates the static park. The main news was British Government support for the Agile Combat Aircraft, a full-size mockup of which is shown on BAe's stand, and which will be developed in cooperation with Aeritalia and MBB.