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Britain: Final days of the Shah's visit

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Kent: On the eve of his departure for Germany, the Shah of Persia visited Biggin Hill R.A.F. Station, the famous Battle of Britain airfield. An experienced pilot himself (with some five hundred flying hours in his log-book) the Shah climbed in and out of Canberras and Vampires with the air of an enthusiast.

~~When~~ - A Canberra took off to salute the air-minded visitor, while the Shah (no doubt wishing that he could exchange places with the pilot) watched from the Control Tower.

At Hamilton House, Piccadilly, Queen Soraya spent part of her last day in Britain as the guest of London's "Top Twelve" Fashion Designers.

The highlights of the new season's collections were displayed for the lovely visitor, including comfortable-looking English tweeds and attractive afternoon wear. (3)

The Queen (whose ankle was still bandaged, following a ski-ing accident in the United States) ~~was agreeably surprised by the glamorous evening~~ *creations.* ~~gowns.~~ *saw a succession of glamorous day & evening*

A sparkling finale - this white tulle ball-gown, embroidered in crystal with a fox-trimmed jacket - a Hartnell creation that won unstinted Royal praise..

~~When~~ - To round off an occasion of fashion - a charming farewell salute to a gracious Royal guest.