

Oil tanker launched

Barrow-in-Furness: A giant oil tanker - the last of a group of ten-built by Vickers-Armstrongs, is launched by Mrs Dunphie, wife of the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company.

Named the "Evgenia Niarchos" - the turbine-driven tanker, over 47,000 tons deadweight, is the sister ship of the "Spyros Niarchos", still the world's largest single-purpose oil tanker.

Rocket plane

California: Carried beneath a B.50 bomber, a Bell X.2 research rocket aircraft is about to make aviation history. ^{It's} piloted by Col. ~~Frank~~

Frank Everest - wearing special heat-resisting clothing.

The experimental craft is released - and propelled by ~~fantastic~~ rocket-power, it flashes through sound and heat barriers at the incredible speed of 1900 miles per hour.

Landing on skis, the aptly-named Colonel Everest had reached the highest peak in aviation speed. ~~But the starting point for space ships of the future.~~

Moto-Cross

Belgium: Twenty five top riders competed in the Belgian Moto-Cross Grand Prix, at Mol, an event which counted for the European Championship. Run over ~~2~~ twenty-three miles of really tough terrain, the race featured ace riders from Belgium, Britain, Holland and Sweden.

And here's the first man home, Les Archer of Britain, (riding a Norton) a triumph that gives him a clear lead for that European title.

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