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PATHE DROPS IN ON PARIS.

A helicopter waits in London to fly Pathe News cameraman Oed Baynes to Paris. Customs-men go through their ritual, as pilot Allan Green climbs aboard. Owned by the Evening Standard, the 'plane is making a pioneer flight to Paris to see if 'copters can out the present flying time by ordinary aircraft. With his camera at the ready, Baynes gets set for take-off.

Leaving the Festival site below, the 'copter looks down on County Hall, the Thames and the Houses of Parliament. Take-off time by Big Ben is 11.20 a.m. Moving on down-river, here's a 'copter eye-view of St. Pauls and the City.

On to Tower Bridge, and the Pool of London.

Electric trains hurry to the coast. Seen, flying at about a thousand feet, the 'copter is heading slightly West of Hastings. The journey's taken forty minutes so far. Now the channel lies ahead.

A strong wind blows the 'copter slightly off course, but an hour and a half after take-off its over Le Troport. Paris is only 114 miles away.

And there it is. The Eiffel Tower marks the end of the journey.

Along the Seine, through the outskirts of the city, moves the 'copter - and then its destination is below. From the centre of London to the centre of Paris in two hours 56 minutes - exactly one hour 26 minutes less than the normal air service! Touching down at the Place des Invalides, right in the city's heart, the 'copter leads the way for even closer links between the two capitals.