AIR NEWS:

Into Hatfield comes the Comet II which set up a new record some days ago on the London to Khartoum run. After a flight from Entebbe which took under eleven hours, Dr Havilland's chief testpilot John Cunningham leaves the aircraft. Cunningham and his co-pilot more than halved the previous record to Khartoum. Meanwhile, two pioneer fliers, Allcock and Brown, are remembered in a statue sculpt to a design by William Medillan. This tribute to the men who made the first non-stop transatlantic flight in 1919 will stand at London Airport.

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At that same airport, the 35th anniversary of the world's first international civil passenger flight is celebrated by Air France. This phoneer flight was from Paris to London, and the pilot on that occasion H. Bossoutrot, comes to London to mark the anniversary. 35 years ago M. Bossoutrot touched down. His aircraft was a Farman Goliath. Fhotographs taken at the time show the passenger's cabin - and acme of comfort in its day, yet a far-ory from the luxury Viscount that now flies the Paris to London route.