

BLUEBIRD GETS MOVING.

Bluebird is all ready for its first trial under its own power - and Donald Campbell, with his wife Tonia to wish him luck, is all ready to drive it. A mechanic's making a final adjustment to the fin-like air brakes.

Blistered paint round the gas turbine outlet reminds us that Campbell's four-ton giant packs a lot of punch - 4,250 horsepower of it, to be exact, all controlled from this tiny cockpit. Bluebird is attended by a fleet of five service vehicles, specially equipped for the job.

Even world champion driver Jack Brabham will seem like a snail when Bluebird tries to reach 400-plus on Campbell's world record bid at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, in September, but this trial's to be a mere crawl.

A thought to leave you with; each time Bluebird's disc brakes bring her from 400 miles an hour to a halt in 70 seconds, they will have to use up 75-million foot pounds of energy.