

61/44R.A.F. MEN FOR HIMALAYAS

The Royal Air Force has its eye on the Himalayas. Under Group Captain Smyth an expedition of twelve will soon leave for the Karakoram mountains of northern West Pakistan. Here at Hendon they all met each other for the first time. In the Himalayas they'll spend eleven weeks, surveying and map making, and attempting to climb the highest peak in the area, Baltistan, 24-thousand feet. Hoop-type tents have been specially designed. They're easily put up, and will stay up, in a high wind.

It's so snug inside, it almost amounts to every home comfort. But then, eleven weeks is a long time at high altitudes. To keep fit they'll need good protection. The newly produced foods require only ten minutes heating. So good luck to them on the big climb and may their new maps be first rate.