

About to take off from Hatfield in Hertfordshire are de Havilland chief test pilot John Cunningham and his co-pilot. They are making the first test flight of the Comet III airliner -- prototype of the new Comets ordered by B.O.A.C. and Capital Airlines of America.

A thing of beauty; and the pilot said afterwards that the test was entirely satisfactory.

ROCKIES AVALANCHE.

A few days ago, an adventurous boy was engulfed in the snow of these Rocky Mountains. To eliminate that kind of death-trap, the authorities brought up a big gun and started an avalanche. So man provoked the fury of Nature ---- and our cameraman filmed the mighty avalanche on its way.

Until he decided it was time to stop shooting and start running.

U.S. AMBASSADOR.

Welcome to London --- a man who will be figuring prominently in the London scene. Mr Whitney, the new Ambassador from the United States. In line with custom, he went to present his credentials to the Queen Elizabeth in the semi-state ~~landaux~~ coach.

MECHANICAL HANDS.

The latest marvel of our modern times is called the Master Slave Manipulator. It works like a pair of mechanical hands. And although it will do the most delicate of personal jobs, like giving you medicine, it has been developed for use in such places as the Atomic Research Establishments --- for handling radioactive materials on the other side of protective screens. This demonstration shows that the hands can do almost anything. In the coming days of total automation, it will save a bloke the trouble of putting out his hand to pick up his pay.