

Belgian Airways have been in the forefront of the movement for travel by helicopter with services between their home country and Holland and Germany. Now their Minister of Transport has inaugurated a new service, linking Brussels with Paris. Eight Sikorskys, each carrying twelve passengers, made the maiden flight which clipped the time schedule by about one third. ²⁰ ~~7~~

MIDDLE EAST.

This is ~~recent~~ ^{recent} activity in the focal point of Middle East tension.....the Gaza Strip. After ~~the~~ deadlock, Israel's Prime Minister Mr Ben-Gurion agreed to withdraw from ~~the~~ ^{the} Strip ~~and~~ which had been the starting-point of countless Egyptian raids into Israel, and which Israel captured. ~~Immediately~~ Mr Ben-Gurion's Cabinet received a report from their Ambassador to Washington, before reaching their final decision. ^

Meanwhile, in Egypt, President Nasser held a conference with the leaders of the Arab countries. The Israeli agreement to withdraw, meant that the next move now lay with Egypt.

BEVERLEY TRANSPORT CRASH.

A Beverley transport airplane --- similar to this one recently shown at ~~the display at~~ ^{the display at} ~~Farnborough~~ /Farnborough --- crashed into a house in a village some two miles from the Royal Air Force airfield at Abingdon, in Berkshire, ^{EIGHTEEN} Of the ~~seventeen~~ men on board --- mostly R.A.F. personnel --- fifteen were killed. A man and a woman were killed in the house. The Beverley had just taken off to fly to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Mediterranean~~ ^{Mediterranean}. From the wreckage, strewn far and wide in this village of Drayton, the huge proportions of the giant transport can be judged. It is a four-engined aircraft which weighs about seventy tons, fully loaded. ~~Its wingspan is over a hundred~~ and ~~and~~