

A new type of helicopter demonstrated at Yeovil in Somerset represents a triumph for British aeronautical engineers. It's the Westland Wessex --- the first helicopter in production, powered by a gas turbine. For a helicopter, it is amazingly silent, --- ~~a feature that particularly recommends it for civil use over towns~~. One of its party tricks is flying backwards.

It has been ordered by the Ministry of Supply for use in anti-submarine work.

Another new plane to make its bow is a forty-seater, twin-engined turbo-prop called "The Accountant". It is built in a comparatively small aircraft factory at Southend --- and its biggest attraction is that it sells at about half the price of its rivals. [^] The tail carries an anti-spin parachute.

Also in the week's air news is a new air-to-air guided missile, made at Hatfield in Hertfordshire. The name is the Firestreak --- and here ^{How} it goes, in search of its ~~prey~~ target.

Air news from U.S.A. brings us a guided missile on show ~~at~~ in a most unusual place: It's New York's Grand Central Station, displaying the famous Army Redstone.

And here at Yucca Flats, in the Nevada Desert, is another chapter in the story of nuclear power. A plastic balloon, going aloft with the largest atom bomb ever to be tested in the United States.

~~THAT WAS~~ ~~Here's~~ the explosion --- as seen from a distance of thirteen miles.

Much closer --- in fact, only ~~three~~ miles from the explosion --- ~~a~~ group of Uncle Sam's selected Marines saw it through --- and came through without any trouble. But it's still a lot too close for most people's comfort.