

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 and cities.~~ 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 ~~any~~ 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.