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1. TITLE: HOWARD HUGHES' FLYING BOAT TAKES TO THE AIR!

World's largest plane - subject of a Congressional inquiry -- is flown for the first time, with Hughes at the controls.

2. At Long Beach, California, Howard Hughes' flying boat, its wing span longer than a football field, is ready for taxi-tests. Hughes, himself, is here for a final check. The man who received a multi-million-dollar war contract for building the plane, is now to be its pilot.

10. National attention is focused on this fantastic seaplane, over which public controversy has raged for months. Only last August, defending himself before a Congressional committee, Hughes had publicly staked his reputation on the plane's success. (TALK)

13. Now, only three days before hearings are scheduled to be resumed, the press and the populace watch last preparations for taxi-ing the sky leviathan.

19. Its eight great engines, with Hughes at the controls, have begun spinning their four-bladed propellers; and taxi-ing tests are under way! Then, a thrilling spectacle! Skittering over the choppy waters at 95 miles per hour, Hughes pulls back on the elevators; and suddenly 200 tons of seaplane are in the air!

26. The big ship flies for over a mile! The dramatic, unexpected news is flashed across the country!

29. In Washington, Senator Owen Brewster, who has bitterly feuded with Hughes, said that the plane's success would be a gratifying war contract. Questions remained to be answered, but now no one can ask, "Can the Hughes' plane fly!"