

BRISTOL AIRPLANE CO: DUKE SEES LATEST MARVELS

The Duke of Edinburgh was escorted by heads of the Bristol ~~Aeroplane Co.~~ ^{Aeroplane Co.} ~~Airplane Co.~~, when he visited their works at Filton, nr. Bristol. In the hangar where the great Brabazon aircraft were built the famous test pilot Bill Peg was presented.

20 One of the most interesting planes on view was the ^{prototype} Britannia Airliner. Peg afterwards said that the Duke

asked the kind of questions that only a pilot would.

40 Another famous airman introduced was Assistant Chief Test Pilot, Wing Commander Gibb, who set the world altitude record last May, nearly 63,700-feet, more than 12-miles high. The Canberra in which he did it and one of the Olympus jet engines were also on view.

The Duke does not yet fly a helicopter, but the day may not be far off when we all own one, almost as naturally as running a car. The Bristol ~~Aeroplane~~ ^{Gen. Sales} Company have been enthusiastically making helicopters for some time, warmly advocating centre-city air-stations.

After a 6-hour tour of the works His Royal Highness said goodbye ^{to Bristol, &} ~~He~~ had had one more glimpse of the drive behind British supremacy in aircraft manufacture.