

COMETS: MINUTEST INVESTIGATION DAY AND NIGHT

British Overseas Airways have grounded all their Comets pending thorough investigation, Mobilising all available ^{at} ~~aeronautical~~ engineers and mechanics. ~~The~~ aircraft

20 are being stripped and all ~~of~~ the multitudinous parts ^{put} ~~subjected~~ to searching test. The Comet that crashed had ^{for} flown/just over 3,600 hours. The first two aircraft now being broken down had each about 3,500 flying hours behind them. Meanwhile from Singapore, without passengers, ^{came} ~~reported~~ another of the fleet, all ~~of~~ ^{on} ordered to report to base. If there is any fault of design, and it's by no means certain there is, investigation will bring it to light. As each part is taken down it is inspected by experts and a report made. The power-control system is carefully gone over. Closest attention to window linings will indicate if the pressurised cabin system could go wrong. The ~~Rolls Royce~~ Ghost jet engines were taken out of the hull. Their materials and workmanship, as with all else in the Comet, are of the highest order. Nevertheless nothing can now be taken for granted. As soon as each engineer's report is made it is posted up, making a mass of detail ^{4 to final verdict} ~~to be considered~~. Britain ~~anxiously awaits the verdict.~~

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