

FLASHES

Francis

Mr. and Mrs./Douglas flew to Cyprus to see their son,
John
Senior Aircraftman M/ Douglas. He was seriously

wounded when his two companions were ~~murdered~~ assassinated
in Nicosia. Mr. Douglas is a £9-a-week fitter, ~~at~~ of
Chippenham, Wiltshire. ~~He~~ He had to borrow more than
£200 to ~~get to Cyprus~~ *give John a lovely surprise.*

In your car-luggage why not carry an airplane? You can,
now that they've ^{made} a rubberised fabric-plane//you just have
to ~~inflate~~ ^{inflate}. A gadget on the car does that. Then
mounted above the fuselage is a 40-horse 2-stroke and it
begins to look as if Wilbur Wright flies again. A bit
windy for taking your girl home after the dance; other-
wise fine.

Till now there was just one thing helicopters hadn't done -
refuel in the air. So the U.S. Marine Corps showed how,
~~it could be done.~~ Actually it's much easier than air-
refuelling ordinary planes, as helicopters can go slower
and manoeuvre much more easily.

This was the scene in Malta after the crash of a troop
carrier. ^{All on board} ~~Everybody aboard~~, 49 men and the air hostess
were killed instantly. ~~Their changed bodies were~~
~~recovered afterwards.~~ The York aircraft ~~belonged to~~
~~Scottish Airlines~~ was bringing men home from the
Suez Canal zone. The air hostess and plane's first
officer were to have been married at Easter.

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INFLATE-IT-YOURSELF AIRPLANE MAKES MAIDEN FLIGHT

So compact, it can be carried in the rear of a station wagon, the new inflatable airplane. At Akron, Ohio, the craft, constructed of rubberized fabric is being readied for the test run. First, inflation. Less air pressure than is needed in an automobile tire pumps up the ship into a rigid, high-wing monoplane.

A two-cycle, forty horsepower engine is mounted above the fuselage. The pilot's seat is in front--much like the models back in the early nineteen hundreds.

The inflate-it-yourself plane is light, cheap to maintain, and simple to operate; a tidy package, deflated, or in the air.