

London-New Zealand Air Race

London Airport - where competing aircraft for the 12,000 mile race from England to New Zealand, were receiving last-minute check-ups.

The race is being staged in two sections - for speed and transport types.

All the five starters in the speed race are Canberras - three from the RAF and two which are Australian-built.

While a K.L.M. (Royal Dutch Airlines) ^{plane} is a fancied competitor in the Transport section of the longest air race yet held.

Operation "WeldFast"

Malta - where Allied warships prepare to take part in Operation "Weldfast" - a N.A.T.O. exercise designed, ~~in~~ chiefly, to test the defences of Balkan countries.

Conference brings Senior Officers aboard the Carrier, H.M.S. Theseus - among them Admiral Earl Mountbatten - Commander of the Mediterranean group. During the exercise - a key officer is transferred to a Norwegian destroyer by Bosun's chair. The operation ranges over the Eastern Mediterranean - linking Greece and Turkey - for the first time - in the common defence of their countries.

Japanese floods

Japan - where the town of Kasedera was completely flooded, following ~~the~~ ^{the} path of a dreaded typhoon.

The ninety-mile an hour wind caused more than a hundred deaths on the Japanese mainland - before it blew itself out.

After the invading sea had broken through the dykes - it's a heart-breaking

^{return} journey ~~home~~ - to rescue some of ~~these~~ ^{the} treasured possessions ^{& many homes}

Paris Motor Show

Paris - where the 40th Annual Motor Show, ~~held in the Grand Palais~~, was opened by the President of the Republic, M. Vincent Auriol.

Models from many European countries and America were on show. Though the accent of the exhibition was on the smaller cars - (those up to twelve horse-power) - for it is these types that lead the way in the battle for world markets.