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The Bristol Aeroplane Company's Works, at Filton, receives a Royal Visitor - the Duke of Edinburgh, who brought Royal Recognition for the men behind Britain's ever-growing aircraft industries.

During a two-hour inspection, the Duke saw the <sup>prototype</sup> ~~propeller-turbine~~ "Britannia" airliner (now in production) and ~~had the cockpit controls explained to him~~ <sup>with explanations</sup> by the Company's Chief Test Pilot "Bill" Pegg - better known, perhaps, as the pilot of the ~~Brabazon~~ mighty Brabazon.

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After watching working models of ~~the~~ famous "Proteus" engines - which will power the Britannia and the Princess Flying-Boats - the Party moved to the Helicopter Section. Here, the Duke again made full use of his recent training as a Pilot - ~~for he~~ <sup>and</sup> went aboard a double-rotor type to inspect the controls.

The Bristol Company has also become a byword in the world of motoring - and the Duke saw some of the cars that are produced in this West Country factory. And though we ~~cannot~~ <sup>can't</sup> show them - the Duke ~~was~~ <sup>WAS SHOWN</sup> some of the latest developments in guided missiles.

After lunching with the Lord Mayor of Bristol ~~at the Mansion House~~ - the Duke bade farewell to his host on the Filton airfield before flying to Northolt, ~~An action that proclaimed in itself - the Duke's faith in~~ <sup>after a visit back as the Duke's own interest in</sup> ~~his~~ Britain's aircraft industry.