

One by one, the Comet jet airliners have returned to London Airport... This follows B.O.A.C's decision to carry out a minute technical ~~examination~~ examination of the famous fleet, in view of the recent tragic disaster. So, for the first time, since they inaugurated the world's first jet airliner ~~in~~ ^{schedules} in May, 1952, the Comets have been taken out of passenger service. /

In this maintenance base, at London Airport, each aircraft is being stripped down, and all its thousands of parts separately tested for signs of ~~strain~~ ^{WEAR} or metal-fatigue.

A huge programme, indeed, but one that the Corporation has voluntarily taken, to try and discover the cause of the crash; for passenger safety has always been ~~the~~ ^{the} first consideration. ^{of B.O.A.C.} /

Special interest is being taken in two aircraft whose flying hours are almost identical with those of the last plane. /

The engines that have carried these aircraft over twelve million miles in passenger service alone will be dismantled. And all reports ^{will be} checked and double-checked, before the Comets ~~can~~ again take their proud places on the skyways of the world. /