

Cardington: Training for the R.A.F. Display at the Royal Tournament - airmen show how to land safely after a parachute descent. But long before that "happy landing" they have to master the mobile ejector-seat trainer - for nothing is left to chance.

Then, with circus-like precision, a dummy pilot is catapulted from a Meteor jet fighter. ^{IN REALITY,} the parachute does the rest.

Another air-safety device is demonstrated at Dunsfold aerodrome, ~~the~~ ^{It's} world's first retractable aircraft-brake parachute. Used to cut down landing speeds on small runways, the parachute is packed ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ a container ~~attached to John Cobb's famous racing car, for the demonstration.~~

Then, at over 100 miles per hour, the 'chute is released by Sir Raymond Quilter - the parachute expert.

When the aircraft has slowed sufficiently, this parachute is not jettisoned but automatically reloaded - ready for next time.

In motoring, too, the quest for safety and reliability never ceases. At Liddley, near Nuneaton, the Minister of Transport, Mr Lennox Boyd officially opens a National Car-Testing Centre - on what was once, a disused aerodrome.

Sponsored by the Motor Industry Research Organisation and the Government, the proving-grounds have a racing circuit, on which a ^{COACH OR} ~~CHAMPION~~ car can be tested at top speeds.

~~In~~ In addition to a research laboratory - most of the road conditions to be encountered on a world tour have been ~~reproduced...~~ ^{reproduced...} ~~reproduced...~~. The dust-tunnel really tastes like the Sahara.

And stretches of track that sometimes confront the unsuspecting traveller ~~leave~~ leave the painful impression that his springs are really shocking.

YES - ROAD SAFETY IS A PROBLEM THAT MUST CONCERN US ALL TO-DAY.