

News flashes

Vickers airliners

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Hurn Airport: gleaming Vickers "Viscount" turbo-jet airliner - the first  
of a fleet of six, ordered by Trans ~~Continental~~ <sup>AUSTRALIAN</sup> airlines, ~~Trans Continental~~  
~~Trans Continental~~. Named the "John Batman"  
it commemorates the founder of Melbourne.

American drought

America: Too much sun, temperatures over the hundred mark, and no sign of  
rain. To us in Britain, that may sound like another optimistic weather  
forecast; but to farmers in America's Middle West - it spells drought,  
dry rivers and parched, wilting crops, in fact, financial ruin...  
*by the anxious farmers soon receive the answer to their prayers for rain.  
So we can surely forgive the farmers as they pray for rain.*

Frogman's escape

Austria: Dressed in a home-made frogman's outfit, a Czech store clerk swam  
three miles underwater, ~~up the River Dyje~~ <sup>along a river</sup> - into Austrian territory...  
The human submarine was Oldrich Lopado - who, refusing to join the  
Communist Party, ~~was~~ <sup>had been</sup> put on the ~~blacklist~~ <sup>black</sup> list of the secret  
police... ~~using~~ <sup>using</sup> his escape apparatus (copied from old magazine  
~~pictures of~~ <sup>pictures of American</sup> frogmen in action) the intrepid clerk travelled past  
the frontier guards - on his underwater trip - to safety.