

LONDON: BEFORE SEEING A HELICOPTER RESCUE, WE GO TO

~~South Bank~~ ^{WHERE} Mr Profumo, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, watched the demonstration of a ~~new~~ device for reducing helicopter noise - a silencer - ~~which is~~ fitted to the exhaust pipe.

~~and~~ While machines on the landing site recorded the sound intensity - the adapted helicopter - a Westland "Whirlwind", took off on a trial flight. After the test, listeners declared that the usual roar was reduced to a soft purr. Good news, indeed, for those who live and work on London's "helicopter highway".

At Gosport, a new helicopter life-saving device - the scoop net for air-sea rescue - is attached, - ready for ~~a~~ demonstration by its inventor - Lt. Commander John Sproule, C.O. of ^{THE} Search and Rescue Unit, at Ford, Sussex.

Meanwhile, an icy ducking awaits a Wren Officer and two Naval Air Ratings who are going to be fished from the Solent.

The test is on - and there's Second Officer Leta Ridley, a volunteer, who jumped into the water from a Naval launch.

The net (attached to a tubular frame) is lowered by winch, and trawled through the water until the victim is scooped up.

The catch is hauled up and the rescued person can either enter the cabin, or (if seriously injured) remain in the net until the helicopter lands.

The scoop net ~~is to~~ ^{WILL} be issued to all aircraft-carriers and Naval Air Stations.