

Only 6½ hours after leaving Montreal, the mighty Comet Three taxis into London Airport. This was the triumphant climax to a 30,000 mile round-the-world proving-flight (combining reliability with <sup>high</sup>-speed performance) that has won world-wide acclaim.

~~She~~ Group-Captain John Cunningham, the pilot, receives the congratulations of Sir Miles Thomas, the B.O.A.C. Chief. A salute from the past; ~~the~~ the memorial to Alcock and Brown (the pioneers of Atlantic flight) <sup>stands sentinel</sup> ~~was~~ by the first jet-airliner to make a non-stop Atlantic crossing.

And Group-Captain Cunningham tells of the flight that has made <sup>air</sup> ~~space~~ history. SOUND

The following day, the Comet took off again - <sup>with more</sup> ~~in~~ passengers. The only difference being that <sup>these</sup> ~~the~~ passengers (our cameraman among them) represented the ~~world~~ film and press.

The flight lasted well over an hour - and Group-Captain Cunningham ~~is~~ was again at the controls.

With him in the pilot's cabin was Mr Peter Buggs - his co-pilot during the round-the-world tour.

Cruising at around 350 miles per hour over the South Coast, the spacious craft (with its accommodation for 76 tourist passengers) provided ~~the~~

<sup>what has been called</sup> the smoothest, most uneventful flight of the century.

Now, the Comet returns, to the vital, if unglamorous, routine of test-flying - paving the way for the Comet Four, and a new era in civil aviation.