

Over to California for some ~~low~~ air-news - a lightweight helicopter has its first outing. Simple in design and operation, the craft can carry a nine-hundred pound load - that's more than its own weight.

Most helicopters <sup>are easily manoeuvred</sup> have high manoeuvrability, but <sup>judging</sup> ~~judging~~ from a passenger's view-point - this one seems ready to turn itself inside out...

*If's* an ideal machine for police patrols or crop spraying, it can make an emergency landing on skis.

Skimming across Southampton Water, a high-speed diesel passenger launch bursts into the headlines in a cloud of spray.

A sixty-eight foot vessel ~~with~~ with a speed <sup>of</sup> (over thirty knots), ~~comparable~~ to that ~~of an Atlantic liner~~, the launch has Napier "Deltic" engines - hitherto only used in Naval craft.

The first of three (built by Thornycrofts) the launches will carry workers to Venezuela's rich oil <sup>wells</sup> ~~wells~~ in Lake Maracaibo.

Meanwhile, <sup>in Venezuela -</sup> a mountain-top hotel is but one <sup>of the social projects -</sup> ~~of Venezuela's social projects~~ <sup>THE</sup> financed by mounting oil revenues.

Seven thousand feet up, the hotel is reached by <sup>a</sup> cable railway that took two years to build <sup>at cost</sup> ~~costing~~ twenty million dollars.

Situated just outside Caracas, the capital, <sup>THE</sup> ~~the~~ modernistic hotel outlines the country's social achievements - exploiting her rich natural resources for the benefit of the people.