Aviation Headlines

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Revolutionary development transforms the humble helicopter into a hard-hitting submarine killer - designed specially for use on Royal Naval vessels.

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ft's the new Westland "Wesser" - the world's first helicopter to be powered by a free turbine engine.

Making its first public flight, it revealed amazing versatility - even to flying backwards.

the Wesser is capable of carrying $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons of freight. British skill and foresight has produced yet another winner, the "Accountant" - a twin-engined turbo-prop airliner which has carried out successful flight-trials, at Southend Airport.

Designed to replace the war-time "Dakota" for civil or service use - this low-priced plane with the top-performance figures incorporates an anti-spin tail-parachute.

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Now comes

the De Havilland "Firestreak" - Mair-to-air guided missile. Launched by a high-speed fighter, it selects its unerring course by picking-up infra-red rays emdtted from the enemy aircraft.

For Americans - the push-button age became larger-than-life when the U.S. Army's Redstone rocket was displayed in Grand Central Station, New York.

Meanwhile, at Yucca Flat, Nevada, a plastic balloon carried aloft the biggest atom bomb ever to be exploded in the United States, Scientists and technicisns prepare for the blast as research continues into the production of a "clean" bomb - to reduce radio-active fall-out.

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