

By midweek the nation had settled down to staggered working hours and a greater section of the public found time to relax. At Wembley, seventy thousand of them packed in for Speedway's "Cup Final" between Wembley Lions and Manchester's Belle Vue. The home team set a cracking pace with Skipper Bill Kitchen and Split Waterman riding wheel to wheel to keep out Speedway champion Jack Parker.

Spectators roared with excitement as, with the Lions in the lead, the last heats came up.

Belle Vue have won the Cup six times before. Wembley are the League champions. It's a tussle between Speedway's top teams.

Final result - a two-point Wembley win. Speedway's National Cup Final was the highlight of the sporting week. But it was news of scientific development that captured the public's imagination.

At St. Eval in Cornwall, British scientists launch a vital offensive in air speed research. A twin-engined Mosquito is fitted with a pilotless rocket plane. This is released by the plane at thirty six thousand feet. Believed to have travelled faster than sound, at a speed of eight hundred and eighty miles an hour, the Robot pierced the Sonic barrier and gave valuable data to scientists.

Meanwhile, at Bristol, we get a first glimpse of the Brabazon transport plane. The hundred and twenty six ton air-liner is transferred for completion to a newly built hangar. More than four million pounds' worth of material has gone into giving Britain the world's biggest aircraft. The hundred and forty three foot long passenger compartment can seat a hundred people, who will fly the Atlantic in twelve hours. The Lord Mayor of Bristol was there to see Air Marshal Coryton name the Brabazon. The giant plane is due to fly from London to New York in nine months time. It will be a triumph for British aviation.

Yet despite the world lead established by British scientists, the Nation's difficulties still centred on the people themselves. In Wigan (heart of Lancashire's cotton industry) that simple truth is realised. An