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The supersonic age seems ahead. In California, America's latest rocket plane - the "Glamorous Glenn" - prepares for its first unassisted take-off. On its previous faster-than-sound flights, the rocket ship was carried aloft by Superforts. Now, with all four rocket motors wide open, "Glamorous Glenn" climbs at the incredible rate of nearly three miles a minute.

Another candidate for aviation records is this ram-jet robot "Gargen Fourth." A "Black Widow" fighter carries it up. With its top speed aimed at being faster-than-sound, this flying stovepipe gets its momentum from the force of its exhaust. On its subsonic flight, "Gargen Fourth" sets up a new American record of ten minutes in the air under its own power. Its speed is not disclosed and the world record of 870-miles-an-hour, recently set up by Britain's newest robot planes, remains unchallenged.