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A dream comes true. At Hatfield airport - the world's fastest plane, the experimental faster-than-sound D.H. 108 - meets its big brain-child, "The Comet" - the world's first all-jet airliner. In this wonder plane - credited with a score of honours - are fulfilled the dreams of Britain's back-seen boys. Eight years ago, they surprised the world with the first jet-driven fighter. From that has grown this stream-lined 36-passenger plane - capable of flying non-stop from London to New York in 6 hours - nearly half the present time. Although many of its details are still secret, the Comet proves that it can fly like a bird.

Watched by the men who helped build it, the "Comet" comes back to earth, after being airborne for half-an-hour. Began three years ago, the airliner that makes every other passenger plane out of date - will go into operation within 18 months. In the words of her test pilot - Group Captain John Cunningham ("Cat's Eyes" of night fighter fame,) the "Comet" is "very nice to handle." Cunningham's baby gives Britain a bright future in the air.

