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NEWS FROM THE AIR

At Northolt, Sir Stafford Cripps arrives back after a five-weeks rest-cure in a Swiss nursing home. Looking fitter than for many months, Sir Stafford returns to face a heavy programme of dollar talks, at the Washington Conference in September.

On the bleak moorlands North of Greenfield, near Oldham, a Dakota airliner crashes in the mist with a loss of 24 lives; the remaining 8 of the 32 passengers and crew are injured. The plane was bound for Manchester from Belfast, with returning holiday-makers. After ploughing into a hillside, it exploded and burst into flames. Children are among the victims of this latest air disaster. Rescuers found that only by 20 feet did the Dakota pilot fail to clear the hill.