

AIR NEWS

A plane that moves crab-wise may look screwy, but this Australian idea may make cross-wind landing safe. Wheels that work like the casters on your armchair are the answer. A cross-wind blowing on the body slows a plane like a car skid, but wheels like these allow the body to swing 15 degrees whilst the wheels keep on course, till the plane comes to rest, or takes off.

America

In America they're going all out for mid-air refuelling, the idea Britain pioneered and here's a Superfort, biggest warplane in the world filling up with a new-style boom feed from a giant strato-freighter.

Now they'll have to think of some way to collect the cash from the customer.