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AIR NEWS:

Model Aircraft Rally.

At Radlett Aerodrome in Hertfordshire, a thousand model aircraft enthusiasts take part in their equivalent of the Farnborough Air Show. All the model-men are experts at their hobby, so it needs an expert to act as judge. Who better than Cats-Eyes John Cunningham, war-time fighter ace and now one of our leading test-pilots.

On hand with advice is Peter Bugge, another test-pilot. But the men-folk haven't got it all their own way.

Maybe its not worth thirty five thousand quid, but its an almost perfect replica of the Russian Mig.

Now for the flying. Control wires leading back to their pilots, make sure the 'planes don't get out of hand. For one day in the year, the whirring of elastic and the scream of engines replace the noise of full-size jets at Radlett Aerodrome.

AIR SPEED ACES READY.

Seen to make a bid to crack Neville Duke's new air speed record is Mike Lithgow, thirty three year old chief test pilot for Vickers. On hand with all the gen is Dave Morgan who flew the prototypes of the Swift F4, the plane Lithgow is to use.

Near Castle Idris in Libya, Lithgow will make his bid for the world record. As the Aircraft leave Duke sends his rival a message of good luck.

NEVILLE DUKE AIR SPEED RECORD FOR THE CLOSED CIRCUIT.

Not content with capturing the world air speed record, in his Hawker Hunter, Neville Duke climbs aboard the red-painted fighter again to have a crack at the hundred kilometre closed-circuit title. Conditions are far from ideal for such a bid - there's a high wind and driving rain - but Duke is his usual quiet modest, but confident self as he prepares to take off from Dunsfold Airfield. America holds the record at the moment, and Duke will have to top more than 690 miles an hour to win it back.

Marker flares at points along the route indicate the marginal limits of the course.

His Circuit complete, Duke throws his Hunter into a victory roll -

Reports come in from along the course that no rules have been infringed, as Duke brings the Hunter back to Dinsfold. Next thing to be done is to remove the nose where the instruments record his performance. And on the dials is the answer - Duke has done it again.

With a speed of 709.2 miles an hour, he's won the closed circuit record for Britain - another magnificent achievement for our Grand Duke.