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AIR NEWS:

As easy to control as one of the Motor Show's new babies is an American midget plane. The tail is just one big rudder, so, up down or round about - it's a piece of cake. Here we go into the wide blue yonder.

Rather like the pre-war Flying Flea in appearance, this midget can do thirty five airy miles to the gallon. Now for the bigger stuff. From London Airport, a Constellation of the British Overseas Airways Corporation starts a new service for winter tourists: From foggy London to tropical sunshine at cut prices. Flying high over the icy North, the Constellation gets on course - West Indies here we come.

Nine areas, including India, Pakistan, Ceylon, the Persian Gulf and most of Africa, are on the new tourist routes. Icebergs are soon forgotten as native drummers at Trinidad provide a warm welcome to a land of sunshine.

Down comes the Constellation. A smooth passage, thanks to its specially pressurised cabins that enable it to fly high above the rough weather.

It's shirt-sleeve weather all right for the sixty-five passengers - yet they left London only 28 and a quarter hours ago.

With their new cut-price tourist trips, B.O.A.C. make Saturday excursions to Brighton sound like a relic of Grandma's days.