

WORLD'S RECORD DEEP SEA DIVE.

The Bathyscaph, "F.N.R.S. 3" is lowered into the waters of Dakar Harbour on the coast of French West Africa, watched by Commander George Houet, and Engineer Pierre Willm. On board the bathyscaph, Houet and Willm hope to break the world's deep sea diving record. Naval frogmen go down to fix towing cables and to ensure that all is in order. Professor Piccard set a new diving record last year in the Mediterranean, but the French team have moved their operations into the even deeper waters of the Atlantic. The F.N.R.S. 3" is a rebuilt version of a bathyscaph which belonged to Professor Piccard. The craft descends by heavy weights attached to the sides by magnets. Tanks of petrol (which is lighter than water) help it to surface once the weights are jettisoned.

Telephones on the mother ship keep contact with the Bathyscaph as it begins its plunge, but this is their only connecting link.

After six hours, an aircraft spots the bathyscaph surfacing again. Now it is confirmed that the craft rested on the bed of the Atlantic two and a half miles down! Commander Houet and Commander Willm have set a new world record.

