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TESTS BEFORE "BLUEBIRD" TRIALS.

Donald Campbell, son the late Sir Malcolm Campbell, climbs into a mock-up of the cockpit of the boat "Bluebird" in which he hopes to break the world's water speed record. He dons an oxygen mask to test a method of underwater escape in a tank at Surbiton. Should he have an accident while racing "Bluebird", Mr. Campbell will be able to breathe underwater and, with the help of a life-saving stole around his shoulders, will be able to float unaided to the surface.

Completely, submerged, Mr. Campbell breathes without trouble. The mask he wears is the one used by Neville Duke when he broke the world's air speed record. He lifts the cockpit hood and prepares to switch on the inflatable life-saving stole. All this time he is in radio-contact with shore control. Mr. Campbell says that there may well be a sound barrier when water-racing at speeds of 200 miles an hour. Soon he aims to begin trials for his attempt on the world speed water record.

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