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AIR NEWS:

The Handley Page aerodrome at Radlett copes with giant aircraft most days of the week, but once a year it welcomes the pygmies, at the All-Britain "Model Aircraft" Rally. Among the many distinguished visitors from the full-scale flying world is Wing-Commander "Cats-eyes" Cunningham.

From a worm's eye view, this Flying Fortress might be a real one. But it's a model like the rest - no one would dare to say "only a model" at such a gathering. For this is a serious hobby - and there are many prizes to be won.

The modern miniature petrol engine means that scale models can also be flying models - like this beautifully-made replica of a Lancaster, the bomber which made R.A.F. history in the dam-buster raids.

With 500 clubs and 20,000 devotees, aero modelling has become one of Britain's biggest sports. As long as this great reserve of skill and enthusiasm exists and continues to grow, our aircraft industry should never lack promising recruits.

More than 200,000 people at Dusseldorf Air Show watch former world gliding champion Albert Falderbaum's hair-raising display of aerobatics.

But they get more excitement than they expect. As he flies upside down, his tail hits the ground, and snaps off. Only miraculous handling brings him right side up again.

The fragile glider is smashed to pieces against a stationary 'plane. Can Falderbaum possibly be alive? An ambulance races to the spot.

Helpless among the wreckage, Albert Falderbaum is badly hurt - but alive. For a less skilled pilot, such a mishap would have meant certain death.