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B.O.A.C. GETS BRITANNIAS.

The Bristol Britannia 100, biggest airliner in the world, and the first long-range civil transport with turbo-prop engines, is ready to go to work. At London Airport, B.O.A.C receives the first two of its promised fleet of 15 Britannias. By the summer they will be flying on the world's air routes.

B.O.A.C. crews have already done months of training on Britannias in co-operation with the Bristol company, and next on the programme is a series of route trials under airline conditions. They will start on the London-Johannesburg run, which will be Britannia's first regular passenger service.

Bristol chairman Sir Reginald Vernon Smith speaks at the handing-over ceremony, and delivers the Britannias' log books to Sir Miles Thomas, the B.O.A.C. Chairman.

One of this first pair is a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -seat first-class version, and the other carries 93 tourist class passengers. The largest, fastest, steadiest, and most economical turbo-prop aircraft in the world, Britannia's will rule the air waves.