

BULGANIN AND KHUSHCHEV'S TOUR.

At the Mansion House, the Corporation of the City of London entertain Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev to luncheon. In the absence of the Lord Mayor, who is in America, Sir Seymour Howard presides. Among the British guests is Sir Anthony Eden.

The Soviet premier points out that London and Moscow, by establishing regular friendly bonds, have contributed to the recent easing of international tension. We need, he says, friendly ties not only between cities, but between states and peoples; that is why he and Khrushchev have come to seek understanding with Sir Anthony Eden and his colleagues.

A visit to Oxford is part of the next day's programme. The Russian leaders must be struck by the contrast between those ancient towers and lawns, and the brand-new university which dominates the skyline of Moscow - yet they must reflect that both are devoted to the same purpose.

Oxford students are ready as ever to express their views - apparently mixed.

At Birmingham, Bulganin and Khrushchev visit the Council House, where they are received by the Lord Mayor, Alderman A.L. Gibson, and introduced to Birmingham council members and to mayors from the Midland cities.

Bulganin signs the council's distinguished visitors' book.

Followed by Khrushchev.

At Castle Bromwich, they visit the British Industries Fair, where Khrushchev makes an appeal for increased trade between our two countries. Trade in machine tools, he declares, would be more beneficial to both countries than the exchange of Russian crab for British herring - excellent as both may be.

The R.A.F. Station at Marham in Norfolk is the next port of call. A B.E.A. Viscount brings them from Birmingham. R.A.F. police, both human and canine, are on parade as the Russian visitors step from their plane.

The Soviet Prime Minister inspects the R.A.F. guard of honour.

Pilots of Canberras, Hunters, and Valiants are ready to put on a flying display for their visitors. The first aircraft to take off are the Mark B6 Canberras, the latest in service. A.N. Tupolev, Russia's top designer, is among the watchers from the control tower, and he congratulates the R.A.F. on their magnificent training. The Russians are particularly impressed by the aerobatics of four Hunters of 43 Squadron. Finally, all the Hunters fly past in formation.

At the married Quarters, Corporal Derek Raymond introduces the Soviet leaders to Mrs. Ella Raymond and their two sons: Ian, who is five, and David, who is two. David said afterwards he thought Mr. Bulganin was Father Christmas.

Corporal and Mrs. Raymond invite the Russians into the house. "You have a very lovely home" Nikita Khrushchev tells them.

Leaving the Raymond's house, Bulganin waves cheerily to the neighbours. This visit to a typical airman's home makes a friendly and informal ending to an official occasion.