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RUSSIANS VISIT R.A.F.

To Honington R.A.F. Station, near Bury St. Edmunds, comes the chief of Russia's air forces, Marshal Zhigarev. He is greeted by Air Marshall Sir Harry Broadhurst, C. - in C. Bomber Command, who takes him round the station. Marshal Zhigarev is visiting Britain with a group of senior officers and civil aviation experts, and Honington stages a special display for its Russian guests.

Canberra twin-jet light bombers lead the fly-past, for this is a Canberra station. But aircraft from other East Anglian bases join the parade as the Russian officers watch from the control tower - including Hunter fighter from Wymeswold. Station officers say there were only two rehearsals the rest is "just routine flying". Gloucester Javelin all-weather fighters from Odiham follow the Hunters - in normal formation flight and upside-down as well.

To conclude the display, a demonstration of aerobatics by the station's Canberras - and very polished flying it is, too. No wonder the Soviet visitors are impressed !