

TELEPRINTED TO AGENCIES

SOVIET AIR FORCE DELEGATION TO VISIT U.K.

A Soviet Air Force delegation have accepted the invitation of the Air Council to visit the United Kingdom during the SOCIETY OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTORS Display at Farnborough, Hants. They will also tour certain R.A.F. Stations during the visit which will last about a week.

The leader of the delegation will be Chief Marshal of Aviation, P.F. Zhigarev, Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Air Forces and the members will be Marshal of Aviation V.A. Sudets, Engineer Lieutenant-General of Aviation A.N. Ponomarev and Lieutenant-General of Aviation A.S. Blagoveshchensky. Accompanying the delegation will be Lieutenant-General of Aviation S.P. Sinyakov and Major-General of Aviation, M.I. Martynov.

AIR MINISTRY,
WHITEHALL GARDENS, S.W.1.

24th August, 1956.

*Check
get names of
those present at
air display
Sh*

LIST OF SOVIET DELEGATION AND R.A.F. HOSTS

1. SOVIET DELEGATION

Chief Marshal of Aviation P.F. Zhigarev - Commander in Chief
Soviet Air Forces.

CLAYTON WITH
HIM.

Marshal of Aviation V.A. Sudets

Engineer Lieutenant General of Aviation A.N. Ponomarev

Lieutenant General of Aviation A.S. Blagoveschensky

Major General of Aviation S.P. Sinyakov

Major General of Aviation M.I. Martynov

Colonel A. Konstantinov - Russian Air Attache in London

A.D.C. to Marshal Zhigarev

Two Russian Interpreters.

2. ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICIAL PARTY

Air Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst K.C.B. K.B.E. D.S.O. D.F.C. A.F.C.

Commander-in-Chief Bomber Command

Air Vice Marshal Sir John Whitley K.B.E. C.B. C.B.E. D.S.O. A.F.C.

Air Officer Commanding No.1 Group

Air Vice Marshal K.B.B. Cross C.B. C.B.E. D.S.O. D.F.C.

Air Officer Commanding No.3 Group

Air Vice Marshal G. Silyn-Roberts C.B.E. A.F.C. Senior Air Staff

Officer Bomber Command

Air Commodore J.N.H. Whitworth D.S.O. D.F.C. Senior Air Staff

Officer No.1 Group

Air Commodore M.H. Dwyer C.B.E. Senior Air Staff Officer No.3 Group

Air Commodore A.R.D. McDonnell D.F.C. British Air Attache in Moscow

Group Captain G.T.B. Clayton D.F.C. Officer Commanding R.A.F. Honington

Group Captain F.G. Foot O.B.E. Air Ministry Escorting Officer

Squadron Leader M.K. Forter R.A.F. Interpreter

Flight Lieutenant A. Deytrikh R.A.F. Interpreter.

PROGR. MME

6th. September, 1956

- 1110 Delegation arrives at Honington. Reception by C-in-C Bomber Command, A.O's C. Nos 1 and 3 Groups and Station Commander R.A.F. Honington.
- 1113 Inspection of Guard of Honour by Marshal Zhigarev, accompanied by C-in-C Bomber Command and Officer Commanding R.A.F. Honington.
- 1117 Drive Past static display of aircraft:-
20 Canberras
2 Javelins
2 Hunters
2 Valiants.
- 1122 Visit to Operations Block - Briefing Rooms and Flying Clothing Sections.
- 1139 Visit Electronics Building
- 1154 Visit Station Sick Quarters
- 1210 Visit Air Traffic Control and view flying display from roof (Programme on separate sheet)
- 1254 Lunch in Officers Mess
- 1405 Leave Mess
- 1415 Depart for R.A.F. Manby.

FLYING PROGRAMME

- 12.10 No. 10 Squadron Canberras start up and take-off
(Leader Flt. Lt. Lack)
- 12.13-30 Hunter wing scramble - 16 Aircraft
(Leader Wg. Cdr. J.M. Sowrey D.F.C.)
- 12.21 - 1229 Canberra Team Demonstration
- 12.30 Hunter Wing Flypast
- 12.31 Javelins Flypast - 4 Aircraft
(Leader Wg. Cdr. White)
- 12.32 - 12.37 Javelin take-off and demonstration
(Sqn. Ldr. P.D.C. Street D.S.C.)
- 12.38 Veliant take-off
(Sqn. Ldr. E.T. Ware D.F.C.)
- 12.38-30 Hunter break and stream landing
- 12.43-30 Canberras break and land.
-

TEL.: TRAFALGAR 8811

Ext 6407.

INFORMATION DIVISION,

AIR MINISTRY,

LONDON, S.W.1.

*be only cover there at
Farnborough etc when the
inspect & watch flying.*

28th August, 1956.

Dear Sir,

At the invitation of the Air Council a Soviet Air Force delegation, led by Chief Marshal of Aviation P.F. Zhigarev, Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Air Forces, will arrive at London Airport at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 2. The delegation will be met by the Vice-Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman. It will stay in this country for a period of eight days.

Transport arrangements are being made for the Press for visits to certain R.A.F. Establishments.

On Tuesday, September 4, at 1100 hours the delegation will visit the Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede accompanied by the Inspector General of the R.A.F. Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter L. Dawson, later visiting the S.B.A.C. Flying Display at Farnborough in the afternoon. They will arrive at Farnborough at 1030 hours on Wednesday, September 5, to inspect the static exhibition.

On Thursday, September 6, the delegation will visit R.A.F. Station, Honington, Suffolk, to see normal working of a Bomber station. The party will leave Honington at 1415 hours for the Royal Air Force Flying College, Manby, Lincs. where they will stay overnight. The party will visit the R.A.F. College Cranwell, Lincs., on Friday morning and, during the afternoon, the Central Flying School at Little Rissington, Glos.

I would be grateful if you could let me know (Extn.: 6407) if you wish to be represented at the visits to R.A.F. Establishments. A coach will leave Air Ministry Whitehall Gardens at 0930 on Tuesday, September 4, for the Runnymede Memorial; and again on Thursday, September 6, at 0800 hours for R.A.F. Station, Honington. 0730

A more detailed itinerary for the delegation is attached.

Yours faithfully,

F. W. Douglas

for Chief Information Officer

The News Editor,

*They visit Farnborough
Tue — we filming Monday
only? Don't forget here*

The following itinerary has been arranged for the Soviet Air Force delegation headed by Chief Marshal of Aviation P.F. Zhigarev, the Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Air Forces, which is visiting the United Kingdom at the invitation of the Air Council:

Sunday, September 2.

- 1100 Arrive London Airport. Met by the Vice-Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman, with senior officers, guard of honour. Proceed to Savoy Hotel.
- 7.15 p.m. Arrive London Casino to see "Cinerama Holiday"

Monday, September 3.

- 11 a.m. Arrive Westminster Abbey and inspect the R.A.F. Chapel
- 11.40 a.m. At R.A.F. Memorial on Victoria Embankment. (approx.)
- 12.00 a.m. At Air Ministry to meet members of the Air Council
- 1 p.m. Air Council Luncheon at the Savoy
- 3 p.m. At St. Paul's Cathedral
- 3.40 p.m. At Mansion House, followed by Guildhall
- 7.45 p.m. Society of British Aircraft Constructors' Dinner, Dorchester Hotel

Tuesday, September 4.

- 11.10 a.m. At Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede
- 2.15 p.m. At Farnborough to witness the S.B.A.C. Flying Display from the President's enclosure
- 8.15 p.m. At Her Majesty's Government Dinner at Lancaster House

Wednesday, September 5.

- 10.30 a.m. Arrive Farnborough to inspect S.B.A.C. exhibition (lunch in President's tent)
- 3 p.m. Arrive Hampton Court
- 7.30 p.m. At Sadlers Wells Ballet, Covent Garden

Thursday, September 6.

- ~~11.10~~ ^{11.10} a.m. Arrive by air at R.A.F. Station, Honington, Suffolk, received by Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Bomber Command, Air Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, and senior officers. Inspect static display of aircraft, including Javelins, Hunters, Valiants, and Canberras. Visit operations block, safety equipment section, sick quarters.
- 3 p.m. Arrive R.A.F. Flying College, Manby, Lincs. Reception by Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Flying Training Command, Air Marshal Sir Richard Atcherley, and senior officers. Briefing on the work of the College. Stay overnight at Manby.

Friday, September 7.

Friday, September 7.

9.30 a.m. Arrive R.A.F. College, Cranwell, Lincs. Reception by Commandant Air Commodore T.A.B. Parselle. Tour of College. Visit Flying Wing.

12.20 p.m. Arrive R.A.F. Central Flying School, Little Rissington, Glos. Briefing by the Commandant, Air Commodore N.C. Hyde, on work of C.F.S. Visit new type barrack block, airmen's mess, N.A.A.F.I., training squadron and servicing flight. Demonstrations by a jet Provost trainer and aerobatics by Meteor team.

7.20 p.m. At Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, for performance of "Othello".

Saturday, September 8.

10.45 a.m. Tour of Houses of Parliament?

3 p.m. Association Football Match

Sunday, September 9.

Depart London Airport for Moscow