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FLYING DRAINPIPE:

A test pilot enters Atar the Second - France's entry in the vertical take-off stakes. Like Britain's "Flying Bedstead", this is not a plane, but a test vehicle - little more than a jet engine in a tube, but an engine of tremendous power, so delicately controlled that it can ride the air as smoothly as a hovering seagull.

Engines like Star the Second, and Britain's Wells-Boyce Aven, are pointing the way to the aircraft of the future - high-speed jets which will need no more space to take off and land than a few square yards of concrete!