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WORLD'S HIGHEST PLANE.

At Luton Airport, Bedfordshire, a Canberra tackles the world altitude record. Test pilot Michael Randrup and engineer Walter Shirley are the crew of "Scorpion" - named after the Napier Double Scorpion Rocket Engine which this Canberra carries in addition to its standard jets. The attempt is a crucial test for this new rocket booster.

The Canberra circles the airport once - and streaks upwards on its long climb. The existing record - 12½ miles - was established by another Canberra two years ago. On the ground, Mr. E.W. Davies, chief designer of Napier, shows the Double Scorpion with its cover off. A powerful little booster which can be switched on and off in flight, it proves its worth when the Canberra returns - for it's helped the bomber to reach 70,000 (13½ miles) higher than any plane's flown before! Congratulations to a fine engine, a fine plane, and a fine crew!