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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

At last London and Moscow are to be linked direct by air. B.E.A. Chairman Lord Douglas of Kirtleside, and Russia's civil air boss, Marshal Zhigarev, sign the agreement in Moscow, and the service will start later on this summer. Say the Russians: "It's better to carry passengers than bombs". Says Lord Douglas: "I couldn't agree more!"

A car draws up outside the residence of Pope Pius XII in the Vatican, bearing a distinguished visitor from Britain - foreign minister Selwyn Lloyd, in Rome for the conference of the Western European Union. Officials escort him to the Pope's apartment, where His Holiness receives him in audience for about 15 minutes. The audience is private, so no announcement is made as to what was discussed; but it is on such contacts that Pope Pius builds his wide knowledge of world affairs.