

WORLD AIRLINES BUY BRITISH

New records in recent days by British Airliners highlight the great achievements of our aircraft industry in capturing world markets since the war - and outstanding among the market-winners is the Vickers Viscount. Leading airlines in all six continents have bought the Viscount and come back for more - and it is widely acclaimed as the finest short and medium-haul airliner in service today. Over a million flying hours in all conditions have proved the Viscount a world-beater. And once again the news is the Whispering Giant - the Bristol Britannia, also a turbo-prop. In one year's service it has set up 16 air records - the latest being the 13 1/2-hour Pacific crossing from Tokyo to Vancouver. This achievement was by a Canadian Pacific Airlines Britannia - and it cut by nearly a third the fastest scheduled time on the 4,700-mile trip. Britannias are taking over the Vancouver-Tokyo run as this reel goes to Press - and the record is a fine start.

In the De Havilland plant, production goes ahead on the Comet IV - latest and finest of our jet airliners. New York to Hertfordshire in six hours sixteen minutes - that's the Comet IV's newest record. The first of 19 Comet VIs is to be handed over to B.O.A.C. any day now - just in time to meet a powerful American challenge from this giant - the Boeing 707, which is going into Atlantic service with B.O.A.C. in the near future. The Boeing is a handsome and speedy job - but De Havilland engineers and test pilots believe the Comet IV is capable of still greater achievements.

Another British triumph - the Fairey Rotodyne, the world's first vertical take-off airliner, is to be built under licence in America. More dollars for Britain! And for a tailpiece - British aero-engines alone have earned 200 million pounds in foreign currency since the war!