

FARNBOROUGH AIR DISPLAY:

All the latest achievements of Britain's aircraft industry - both military and civil - are on show to the world at Farnborough. Manned fighters like the Gloster Javelin still have a part to play - but this year, above all, it's the helicopters that steal the show.

Here's the Fairey Rotodyne - the world's first straight-up airliner. Mind you, the display's as varied as ever - the mighty Vulcan V-Bomber draws the crowds, and so does the Bristol Britannia, the "Whispering Giant"; another Bristol product, the Bloodhound ground-to-air missile; and it's English Electric cousin. But those "egg-beaters" catch the eye every time.

The Westland Westminster "flying crane" is on show for the first time. There seems no limit to the jobs that strange craft the helicopter can do - from building to rescue work.

They can hover in the air like hawking birds.

Or fly backwards.

This Saunders-Roe P.531 has a very handy turn of speed. Another newcomer - the Bristol 192, which seats 25 passengers. And here's the Rotodyne again.

The Fairey Ultra-Light Helicopter can land anywhere - and even if the landing area doesn't keep still.

One feature which simply can't be left out is the R.A.F. aerobatic team - whose guards-like precision is as faultless as ever.

The Folland Gnat lightweight fighter made its appearance three years ago, and has been developed since; it is in production not only for our own services, but for those of India and Finland as well.

The Handley-Page Dart-Herald makes its debut - a 43-seater medium range transport, particularly suitable for fast branch-line services; it is powered by two Rolls Royce Dart turboprop engines. And from the Vickers stable, the latest of the proud line of Viscounts which have done so much to boost the export figures of the British aircraft industry.

And last of all, the world beater the Conquest. This is the 3-B...

...and this is the Conquest 4, soon to enter on the Atlantic run, for which it has already captured the record. With aircraft like these, Britain's industry need fear no rivals.