

NEWS FROM VENUS.

Jodrell Bank goes on from strength to strength. In between tracking space rockets for other countries it is steadily probing the secrets of the Universe. Professor Lovell told the Duke of Edinburgh of the latest triumph, the obtaining of radar echoes from the planet Venus. The scientists who use the radio telescope so effectively sent out radar pulses to Venus and received them back, five minutes later. The Duke was taken to the top to see the gigantic bowl. The Venus experiment took years to organize, but it has to be admitted that when it was carried out, last September, the planet was at its nearest to earth; only 30-million miles away; a wonder we didn't collide.

It's a feather in the cap for Jodrell Bank. Venus-and-back makes the Moon seem just round the corner.