

WATERBUS STEPS ON IT.

Nobody sings the Volga Boat Song when they see the Meteor skimming along that famous river. It's an up-to-the-minute example of speed without effort. Looking like a cross between a wingless plane and a space ship, the Meteor apparently half raises itself on to skids when it gets up speed. It can take 150 passengers at 80 knots, As that is about 90 miles an hour, we must take the Russians' word for it. Owing to bad conditions, very high speed was out of the question on this trip.

For long river journeys the Meteor seems to have a big future.