

'COPTER FIGHTS PLANE FIRE.

Ablaze on Luton airport was an old Provost aircraft, in a test of a new fire-fighting technique.

A Helicopter was the new factor. Experts hope that the strong draught of the rota-blades will flatten the flames and deflect them, so that rescuers can pull the plane's occupants to safety. That was the plan of the demonstration. The helicopter landed to windward of the fire, blowing the flames to one side, to enable two rescuers to go into the heart of the fire.

The pilot was brought out unharmed, just as he would have been had this been a real fire, not merely a demonstration. Helicopters are such versatile machines, there seems no limit to their use. But even for them nobody previously suggested the role of a new-type fire-engine, come ambulance.