

IN AND ON AIR.

Lord Brabazon tried the controls of the Hover Scooter, the first one-man hovercraft to go on land or water. Over here to show it to Britain is Charles Rhoades, whose firm developed the two-fifty c.c. machine in the States. At five thousand revs it rides on a cushion of air and can travel just like a full sized hovercraft. No road tax needed.

It doesn't need roads; any reasonable surface will do, either land or water. On this showing it does rather seem as if it could do with a larger country than Great Britain. Not the afternoon for anybody who wanted a quite hour's boating.

There was an audience of senior officers at the School of Artillery, Lark Hill, to see the firing of Honest John. That's the name of the free flight rocket which can carry a 13 cwt. atomic bomb. In the warhead for the demonstration there was nothing more lethal than concrete, which would be scattered as powder over Salisbury Plain. Honest John has been fired in Germany. This was its only demonstration in England.

The experts were convinced that the rocket is successful.