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CINISOUND REVIEW

VULCAN

- VULCAN** A Royal Air Force Vulcan jet bomber made aviation history when it completed an eleven thousand five hundred mile flight from England to Australia, in twenty hours. The Vulcan refuelled three times in the air during the epic flight, and here, at Richmond, it looked like a giant stingray as it came in to land.
- LANDING** The Vulcan made the flight to prove the speed with which the Royal Air Force's nuclear bombers could move to a trouble spot.
- CHUTE** A parachute broke out, to slow it down ... aiding the brakes. The Vulcan's crew say the plane can land comfortably on a two thousand yard runway... even without the chute.
- TAXI** The jet bomber averaged five hundred and seventy five miles an hour, despite slowing down to refuel. East of Alice Springs it averaged seven hundred miles an hour!
- WELCOME** Chief of the R.A.F. bomber command, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross greeted Squadron Leader Bewis, and introduced him to R.A.A.F. officers.
- CREW** The crew, after their historic flight, seemed untired and unimpressed by their own feat. But what a feat it was... from England in twenty hours...
- SMITHS** ...a flight which took Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith just twenty seven days AND twenty hours. This was in nineteen nineteen when a flight to Australia was almost a miracle.
- PLANE** Here, in England, Ross and Keith Smith climb into the plane which was to take them twelve thousand miles. There were final handshakes, and then the Smiths' plane began to taxi... so slowly that people could run alongside and keep pace with it.
- TAKE OFF** But pioneers like Ross and Keith Smith were not easily dismayed. They flew this plane... and they flew it to Australia.
- BILLY** Back Home the late Billy Hughes presented them with a cheque as a token of their achievement. It is to the pioneers of aviation that the world owes the speed and safety and convenience of modern flight.

One day... perhaps sooner than we think... even the Vulcan may seem outdated, and twenty hours from London to Sydney a slow trip!

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