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NEWS IN THE AIR.

The Hawker P. Eleven-27 is the only name so far of the revolutionary aircraft, first filmed in flight at Dunsford. Chief test pilot Bill Bedford was about to show how it can rise vertically, level out in the air, then fly forward. If you say, that's been done before, what's new? here's the answer: The P-11-27 is the first plane to do it with only one engine. Directed downwards, the nozzles of the Bristol Siddeley Pegasus lift the plane straight up. They are then tilted to horizontal, and away she goes, capable of nearly the speed of sound.

Tilt the nozzles down again, and the aircraft can practically land on a sixpence.

What about vertical landing for human beings or Sky Diving, as they now call it. The sport attracts girls almost as much as men. Some competed at Perth in the Scottish open and National Parachute Championships. That's the target. The competitor nearest to it in three jumps will be the winner.

Time-keepers, checked the delayed drops. People who've never used a parachute marvel at the sheer nerve it must take to step out of an aeroplane, thousands of feet up, to say nothing of falling for ten seconds before opening the chute.

Peter Denley, of Scottish Parachute Club, was followed by a member of Heidelberg Sport, Gene Ackley.

Cool customers, these sky-divers, guiding themselves to the target - from 5,000 feet. Terry Jickells - only inches away from the bull's eye. Better still - Shardy Vansdall of Swindon.

Mike Reilly won the first prize. He's a member of the Ripcord Club, and received the Chandy Trophy from Lord Provost Young. When friends invite Mike to drop in sometimes, he's the boy to do it.