The days when cars really were cars had a picturesque reminder at Goodwood by way of contrast to the supercar, Bluebird. Fastest thing on four wheels this near-missile's predecessor crashed at nearly 400 m.p.h. in Utah. With a 5,000 horsepower Bristol proteus turbine engine, it's almost set for another attempt on the world record. Campbell's old friend Leo Villa again leads the team of back room boys who keep Bluebird at racing pitch.

It's a pretty open secret that Bluebird may exceed 500 m.p.h. in Australia. Meanwhile Mrs. Campbell handed over the mascot "Whoppit" and Donald was ready to show Bluebird to the Goodwood crowd. It had to be a slow lap. If he'd put his foot down, on this track he'd have gone into orbit.

Everybody wishes Donald Campbell all the luck in the world, and a safe return with an impressive record.