

Looking down from a helicopter above the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, our newsreel camera got a line on the 1954 products of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors. ~~in a generation that~~ grows more air-minded year by year, the crowds were looking over the exhibits, with the expert eye that their grandfathers used to cast upon horses. The Giant Delta-Winged Avro Vulcan; and the midget-size Folland Midge Fighter. Needless to say, there was no loss of interest in the De Havilland Comets. And, creating a stir, was one of the biggest in the show --- The Blackburn Beverley, with a wingspan of 162 feet; designed for freight and passengers.

Needless to say, the weather did its best to spoil the show; but despite low clouds, a good deal of flying was still possible. This is the Sherpa single-seater --- a product of Short Brothers. Here goes the ~~record-breaking~~ <sup>Sapphire</sup> English Electric Canberra. And here's a take-off by the Vulcan from the farm of A.V. Roe. It's going aloft to get above the cloud, ~~here.~~

And now --- as visibility from the ground was poor, come up with our camera to watch this majestic march past in the skies; The Comets.

The Canberra.

The Jet Provost of Hunter Percival.

The De Havilland 110 --- first two-seat operational fighter to exceed the speed of sound.

The Fairey Delta --- smallest of its kind.

The Sherpa.

The Hawker Hunter --- a world-speed record-breaker.

The Folland Midge --- a fighter designed for mass production. And two from the Gloster Stable --- first --- the Meteor. And the Javelin.

These are the goods in the British Aircraft Manufacturers' front parlour. But we hear there's a lot more cooking in the kitchen.