

At Church House in Westminster, a Court of Inquiry investigating the cause of the disasters which overtook the Comet jet-airliners, heard the evidence of many experts. The evidence they gave, was accumulated as the result of months of painstaking and ^{often} dangerous research. Here at Farnborough, is a Comet fuselage which was put into a steel tank holding a quarter of a million tons of water. The water pressure inside the fuselage, was then raised to reproduce the strain experienced by ^a Comet in normal cruising flight.

At the same time, automatic jacks ~~under the wings~~, reproduced the strain ^{on the wings during} of an actual flight of three hours. Five thousand of these simulated flights were made on the ground of the testing-station --- and the months of work finally produced a break near the windows --- the result of metal fatigue.

Next --- a test in the air. Going aboard a Comet is a group of scientists --- the last but one, a woman, Mrs Anne Burns. They were risking their lives, in the cause of greater safety for the air-travel of the future. The Comet they flew carried a mass of ~~instruments~~ instruments from which they made their notes. They faced sudden death at any moment --- but they lived to make their reports; to make the skyways safer, for the rest of mankind.