COMET IN AUSTRALIA. 9/12/55.

When the new Comet III prototype jet airliner arrived at Sydney after its amazing flight from Britain, the welcoming crowd was so thick, that the plane had to stooge around while police and officials cleared a runway to allow it to come in.

As soon as the Comet landed, the crowd rushed forward again. In fact, in order to allow the crew to leave the plane, firemen had to drive the onlookers back with hoses. Estimates put the number of the crowd somewhere between twenty and forty thousand people --- all shoving.

There were cheers as De Havilland's chief test pilot, Group-Captain Cunningham, came down followed by his crew; to speak in glowing terms of the new Comet's performance, on this wonderful flight twelve thousand miles.