

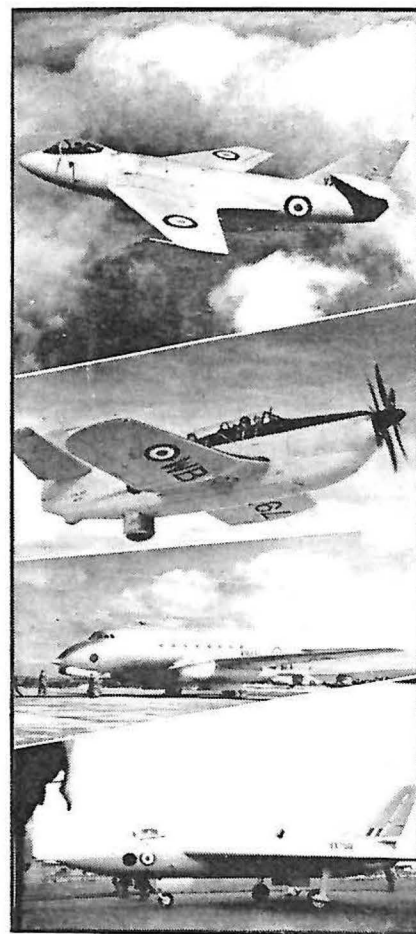
1950 S.B.A.C. Show

Full evidence that Great Britain's progress in aviation is more than maintained was superbly shown at the Eleventh SBAC Flying Display and Exhibition which opened officially on September at Farnborough. The Flying Display was more spectacular than ever and the Exhibition, which was under canvas this year—said to be the largest canvas structure ever erected in the United Kingdom—showed to the best advantage every type of accessory and equipment on 190 stands.

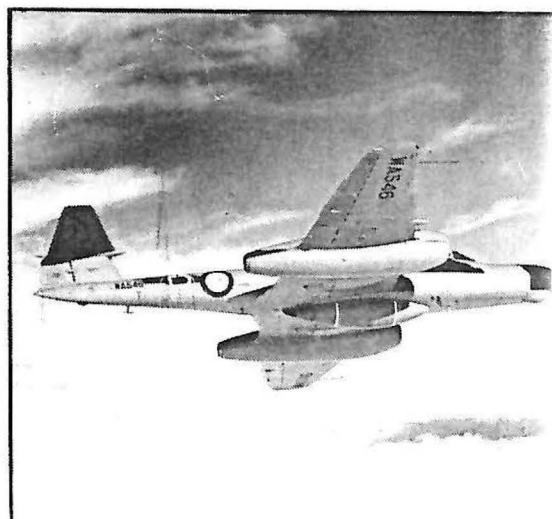
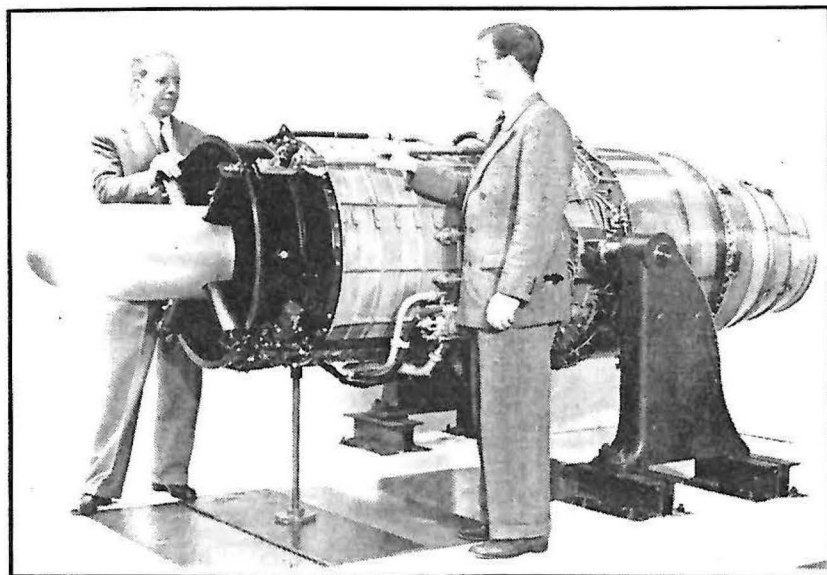
Turbines to the Fore: Of the 38 aircraft demonstrated 21 were powered either by turbo-jet or turbo-prop engines. Highlights of the Flying Display were again the Comet, the Canberra and the Avon Meteor which

made their first appearance last year, the Sapphire Meteor, Hawker P.1081, Vickers-Supermarine 535, D. H. Venom night fighter and the Brabazon. Obviously flying close to the speed of sound, if not exceeding it at one time as it streaked across the aerodrome, the sudden appearance of the Supermarine 535 brought a number of people to their feet and was responsible for the overturning of a number of chairs.

These very fast jet airplanes can sneak up on even those spectators who know what to expect and the effects are both startling and amusing. Closely resembling the Supermarine 510, except for a much longer fuselage, the 535 is rather like a flying dart in appearance and makes a striking con-



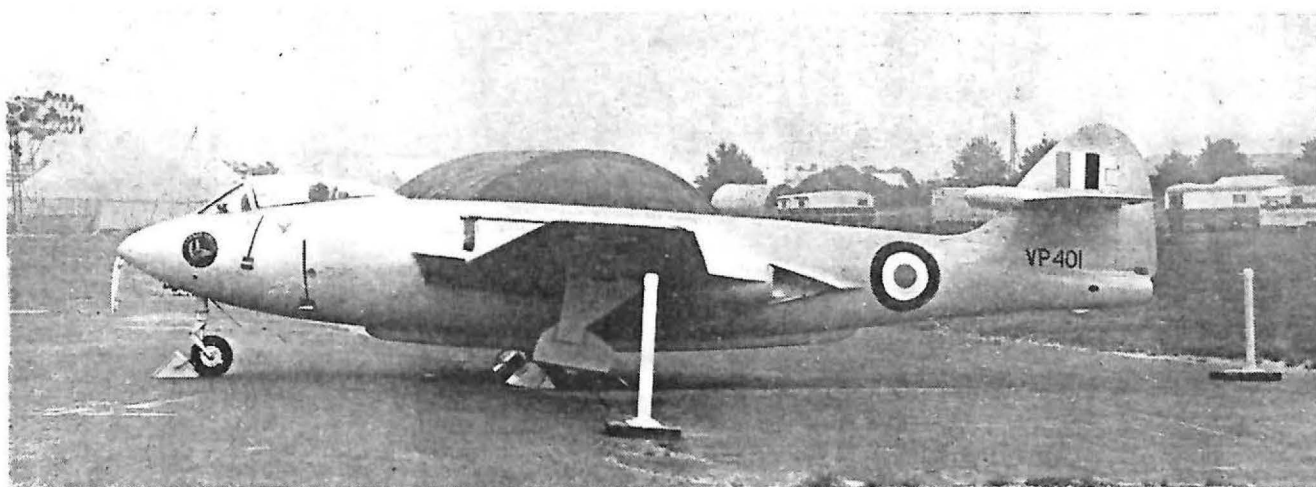
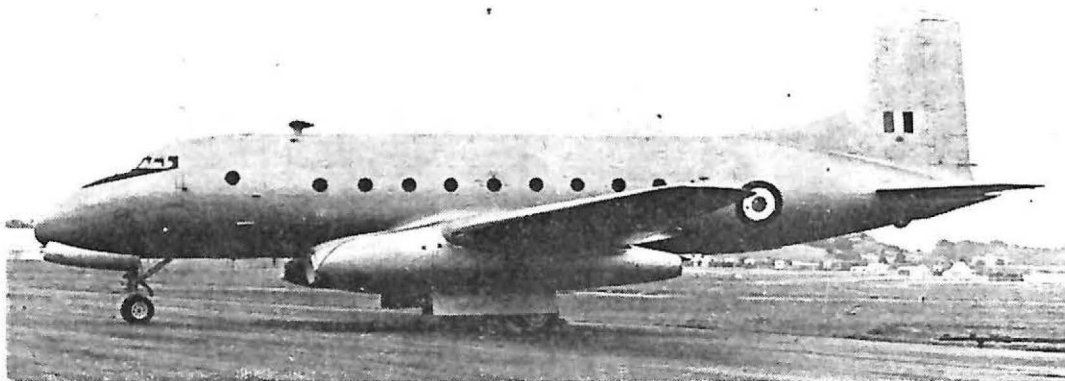
TOP, BLACKBURN & GENERAL UNIVERSAL, RIGHT, FROM TOP, SAPPHIRE METEOR, HAWKER P.1081, BLACKBURN YB.1, AVRO ASHTON, 707B, METEOR NF-11; BELOW, SAPPHIRE.





A flying test-bed of more than usual interest, if not beauty—the Napier Nomad-Lincoln, seen arriving at Farnborough on Merlin-power alone.

Externally similar to the Mk 1, the second (Mk 2) Avro Ashton is fully furnished and equipped for the investigation of pressurizing, humidifying and other problems at 40,000ft or thereabouts.



Truly Hawker-Siddeley is the P.1072 above, adapted for development-flying with the Armstrong Siddeley Snarler liquid-fuel rocket motor.

The Westland Wyvern T.F.4, complete with torpedo, auxiliary tanks and — added since last year — "fences" placed inboard of the ailerons.

