

MEDICAL AID FOR RUSSIA

Welcome at London Airport was the Ilushin 18. The 80-passenger turbo-prop had completed its first flight from Moscow and now goes into regular service. It replaces the all-jet TU 104 on the Moscow-London run, because, though slower, it's far more economical. Comfort is in the luxury class.

The latest in oxygen tents, ready to be flown to Russia by Ilushin 18, was demonstrated by the manufacturer's general manager. It's the finest of its kind in the world. When British surgeons performed the hole-in-the-heart operation in Russia not long ago, to show the technique to Soviet doctors, they told them about this tent, so one is now being sent to Moscow, for the Russians to see for themselves. It's invaluable after operations.

The tent was put aboard the new airliner, so one way and another it was an historic flight back to Moscow. And to demonstrate it for the Russians, the general manager went too. Another example of Anglo-Russian co-operation.

Meanwhile, good-luck to the Il-18. She can fly Moscow-London-and back without refuelling.