

## FARNBOROUGH AIR DISPLAY.

What things of beauty are these modern aircraft. So high, these Hawker Hunters, their sonic speed seems no more than the gentlest glide. And how well named is the Gnat; tiny, but famous already as an R.A.F. trainer. Almost all makes of British aircraft wing their way over Southern England, for this is the 21st Flying Display of the Society of British Aircraft Constructors.

Below lies Farnborough Aerodrome. The annual displays there, fascinating to both experts and general public, have reflected the astonishing growth of the industry since the jet engine gave man a new conception of power and speed. Also of carrying-capacity - witness the turbo-prop Argosy.

The Dart Herald (Handley Page) is a 47 seat, medium range, inter-city airliner; also of military use. In the larger field, the Deterrent-carrying Avro Vulcan. In contrast, the Folland Gnat, which we've already seen flying. But this is the age of the missile, the rocket, the miraculous weapons that fly without pilots, guided to targets out of sight. For example, the Thunderbird. In air-to-air weapons there's Firestreak. When the pilot has fired it, he can go home. Firestreak will do the rest. Blue Steel is fired from the air at ground targets. And now, the flying display. The Handley-Page Victor.

Marvel of the show is the Short SC.1. It takes off vertically, can hover motionless, fly at more than 300 miles-an-hour, and land on a sixpence.

But the Sc.1 doesn't mean there's no room for Helicopters - not by a long way.

The Argosy Freightercoach - able to carry 13 and-a-half tons. And the sheer spectacle, the unmatched Hunters of 111 squadron.

Take off extraordinary, now, by a Vulcan.

Now, really go up.

The majestic Victor in flight.

This year's Farnborough may be the last 'all British' display. Aircraft are so costly that countries will be forced to combine in their manufacture. Britain's contribution, in technique, ideas and originality has been without parallel in aviation.