

AIRLINER PROGRESS

Behind the Vanguard is the airliner all the industry's talking about, the Vickers V.C.10. What she'll look like before long, the model indicates. The clean lines are made possible by rear mounting the four Rolls Royce Conway jets.

It may not look like it to the uninitiated, but the V.C.10 is structurally almost complete. Flight-test equipment is being installed. The engines are the advanced model Conway, each weighing  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons. They'll have a cruising speed of up to 600 miles an hour, and a maximum speed just this side of the sound barrier. In operation the airliner will be faster than any of its competitors, with a payload of 19 tons. That means 150 passengers and four tons of freight, or more freight and fewer people.

The present schedule provides for the first flight to be made next May. Then will come the comprehensive flight-testing programme. It's hoped that V.C. Tens will be carrying passengers early in 1964.