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The RAF win the air race

THE great Daily Mail air race between London and Paris ended last night—and the fastest time for the trip was still Squadron-Leader Charles Maughan's 40mins. 44secs.

Maughan, 35, made his record trip on Wednesday, travelling from the Arc de Triomphe, Paris, to Marble Arch, London, by motor-cycle, helicopter and Royal Air Force Hunter jet plane.

The **SECOND** fastest trip between the capitals was still the 41m. 41s. run from Arch to Arc by fifty-year-old airline chief Eric Rylands last Sunday.

And the **THIRD** fastest time on the 214-mile run was the 42 minutes, 6 seconds, clocked by R.A.F. Group - Captain Norman Ryder, 44.

Last Bid

The first prize in the eleven-day contest was £5,000. Second prize was £2,500. And the third prize was £1,500.

There was an astonishing scene at Marble Arch when French stuntman Gil Delamare made a last-minute bid to win a prize.

Three minutes **BEFORE** Delamare arrived by motor-cycle at the end of his trip from Paris three other motor-cyclists dressed like him rode into the check-point.

The judges disqualified Delamare—even before he arrived. . .



P.C. Gulliver's travail

ROADS ON THE RAILWAYS?

By LEN JACKSON
Mirror Industrial Reporter

RAILWAY tracks which are to be closed down in the next five years may be turned into roads, Mr. Harold Watkinson, Minister of Transport, said last night.

He added: "There are difficulties about the width of bridges and cuttings. But if we find we can use these disused tracks we shall certainly buy them from the British Transport Commission."

The Minister was commenting at a Press conference in London on a report issued yesterday—in which the Transport Commission makes a "re-appraisal" of the £1,500,000,000 rail modernisation plan started four years ago.

In the next five years, the report says, the Commission expects to close 1,800 miles of track—about a tenth of the present total length—unless some of it can be saved by an increase in traffic.

But no closure of main lines is foreseen between now and 1963, although some main line stations and depots will be cut out.

The main conclusion of the report is that the modernisation plan must be **SPEEDED UP.**

Sir Brian Robertson, the Transport Commission's chairman, said at the Press conference: "**The railways are not dying.**

"This industry is very much alive and kicking. We are streamlining to enable it to kick harder."

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WEATHER: Mostly fine. **OUTLOOK:** Continuing warm. **SUNSET:** Derby, 9.8; Plymouth, 9.13; Birmingham, 9.13; Bristol, 9.12.

LLOYD 'PEPS UP' BIG FOUR

WORLD NEWS SPOTLIGHT

From MICHAEL KING, Mirror Foreign Editor, Geneva, Thursday

MR. SELWYN LLOYD, Britain's Foreign Secretary, today put some sense into the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Conference in Geneva.

He delivered a skilful diplomatic speech clearly defining the issues between Russia and the three Western Powers.

And tonight, as a result of this speech, there is much less talk among diplomats of a breakdown in the talks.

Mr. Lloyd told the conference that he thought there was an interim agreement on Berlin "sketched out in outline" as a result of their meetings.

"I believe it should be possible here, or at some other meeting perhaps at another level, to get final acceptance of this interim agreement," Mr. Lloyd said.

His reference to "another level" was taken to mean a Summit conference.

Mr. Lloyd said the main trouble now was the relationship of a Berlin agreement to plans for negotiations on Germany's future.

Mr. K hits at U.S. as Nixon flies in

AS American Vice-President Mr. Richard Nixon arrived in Moscow yesterday, Russian leader Mr. Krushchev attacked America in a speech.

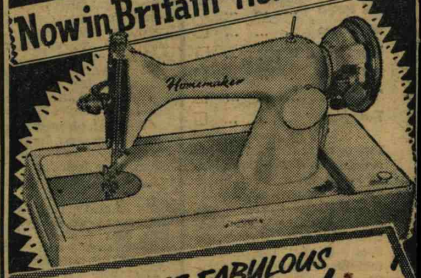
MR. NIXON flew from Washington to open a big American exhibition in Moscow today. He will stay on for ten days.

MR. KRUSHCHEV referred in Moscow to an officially-backed prayer campaign in America for the "liberation" of Communist satellite countries.

He said: "On the one hand the Americans open an exhibition in Moscow, while on the other they proclaim some kind of 'Captive Nations Week.' They . . . are having recourse to flagrant means which cannot be called anything but direct interference in our internal affairs."

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