

# *Canopus had "nice flight" over the North-West*

**F**OR 35 minutes — the time it took Canopus to fly from Daventry to Carlisle — the Royal aircraft was under the control of the Air Ministry Air Traffic Control Centre at Barton Hall, near Preston.

Canopus passed over Preston at 9 50 p.m. at 14,500ft. on a special airway above normal levels. The aircraft's engines were heard by the centre, but because of her height and a cloud covering it was not possible to see her.

Barton Hall took over the Royal 'plane at 9 25 p.m. and from then until 10 p.m. there was a radio telephone link with the Canopus reporting position and progress every 10 minutes.

Lichfield, 9 32 p.m. . . . abeam Manchester, 9 40 p.m. . . . Burtonwood, 9 43 p.m. . . . Preston, 9 50 p.m. . . . so the Royal progress went until Barton Hall handed over to the Scottish control at 10 p.m.

## **"NO SNAGS"**

At a speed of 280 m.p.h. Canopus flew across the North West on what a Barton Hall official described as "Quite a nice, routine flight."

He said: "There were no snags; everything went smoothly."