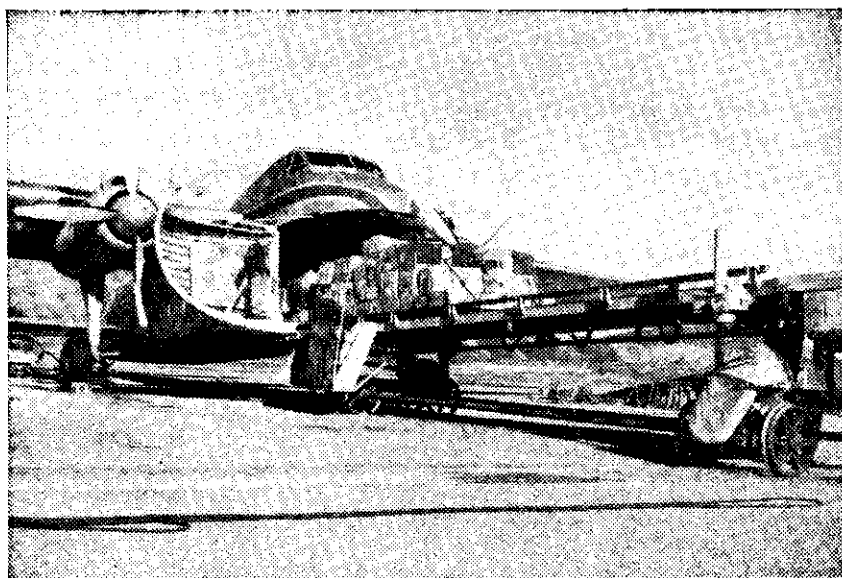




★ 'CARGON' loading on the Cook Strait freight service has roused interest all over the world. ★

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phone conversation with the Met. station on Campbell Island.

Travel by Air, the next to be heard, will cover not only TEAL and NAC—several NAC executives will talk about the introduction of Viscounts—but interviews with some of the people operating feeder services.

The development of air freight services—NAC, TEAL and, again, the small operators—greatly impressed Mr. Wall, and one of the first things he told us when discussing his third programme, *Freighting Fast and Far*, was that people from all parts of the world are interested in the system being used on the Cook Strait freight service. "One of its features is the Cargon system of transferring freight from truck to aircraft and vice versa, which is likely to be taken up also for purely surface use," he said. "At Paraparaumu I saw a freighter land from Blenheim and taxi off again in nine minutes after a complete household of furniture had been taken out and a mixed cargo of freight put in." The flow of internal freight tended to be food from the south and manufactured goods from the north, and, as an example, refrigerators might be tested at Petone at 9.0 a.m. and in use in Christchurch homes at 9.0 p.m. the same day.

On Aviation's Sidelines, the fourth programme, will bring together a group of fascinating miscellaneous aspects of flying in New Zealand. "Take the Wanganui Aero Club," said Mr. Wall. "More or less by accident it started training commercial topdressing pilots, so that the old idea of a club as a social and sporting organisation has changed." Mercy flights, scenic trips, air-dropping of supplies to deer-cullers, the use of an outsize geiger counter for uranium prospecting, forest fire patrols (there are even experiments in fire-fighting from the air), aerial mapping and surveying, gliding and sky advertising—these are some of the other activities the programme will illuminate.

The last feature will cover the activities of the CAA—its calibration flights, airfields and communication services, accident investigation (here there'll be a timely warning), and the work of the Search and Rescue Organisation—including a note on the plans of an Auckland club to provide a team of parachutists for first aid work in mountainous country.

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