



## THE HINDENBURG DISASTER

IN 1937 on May 6 33 people lost their lives when the German dirigible Hindenburg exploded and crashed on the ground at Lakehurst, New Jersey, in swift fierce flames fed by the airship's 7,300,000 cubic feet of hydrogen. The story of this tragedy, which marked the end of experiments in passenger airships, will be heard at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, from the four ZB stations. The programme, which describes the destruction of the great airship after 135,000 miles of air travel and twenty-one crossings of the North Atlantic, is one in the series *This Was the*

*Week*. In 1936 the Hindenburg had made several trips between Frankfurt on Main, Germany, and Lakehurst, New Jersey, averaging on the east-bound trip 52 hours and on the west-bound 64 hours. The flight which was to prove fatal began on May 3, 1937, there being 97 persons on board. A few seconds after arriving over the New Jersey landing-field the Hindenburg exploded, and what had been spoken of as the world's greatest airship was reduced in a matter of minutes to a crumpled metal framework and a dying glow in the sky.



BBC photograph

FRED HOYLE

### ★ According to Hoyle ★

EVERYONE who has stared in wonder at the night sky—and, after all, who hasn't?—is a potential amateur astronomer. Many who have been frightened off by the belief that astronomy is too difficult have found in Fred Hoyle an expert who makes the nature of the Universe seem intelligible, even fascinating, to the layman. Most fascinating of all is his exposition of the theory that the Universe was not created in one vast cataclysm in the remote past, but is being continually created and will go on being created throughout an infinite future. Mr. Hoyle's BBC talks have been broadcast from NZBS stations in many parts of the country (they are currently being heard from 1XN and 2XN on Friday nights), and they are now to be replayed from 1YC, starting at 8.0 p.m. on Monday, May 5.

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