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Show and E. W. Walker (flight engineers). P. G. Masefield will act as team manager, and it is also reported that the plane will carry a BBC representative, with recording gear-

No. 24 LODESTAR



Lockheed Lodestor 15-86 Commercial Transport, entered by Rausch Aviation: Vincent Reavely (pilot).

No. 25 DC 3



This Douglas DC3 was originally the entry of Mrs. G. J. McKenzie (Australia), the plane being lent by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bixby, of California. Mrs. McKenzie will not now take part in the race, and the aircraft will become an American private entry. Mrs. Dianna Bixby has been named as pilot-in-charge, with Miss Betty Haas as co-pilot.

The competing aircraft will take off from London Airport between 4.30 and 6.0 a.m. New Zealand time on Friday, October 9. They will depart at five-minute intervals, handicap planes first. Between the handicap and the speed sections there will be an interval of about half on hour. Aircraft leave in order of their race numbers, so that the Vickers Valiant, No. 10 in the speed section, will be the last to take off. The starter is the Duke of Gloucester.

News of progress in the race will come in the first instance from stations of the International Civil Aviation Communications Network along the route. This will be received at Musick Point, Auckland, and sent by teleprinter to the air race operations room at Christchurch Airport. There information of public interest will be sieved out and handed to the NZBS and the Press. Additional information for inclusion in NZBS bulletins may be obtained by manitoring overseas shortwave stations.

To assist aircraft on the latter stages of the journey, two naval vessels will be stationed in the Tasman Sea. The Australian aircraft-carrier Vengeance will be at 161deg. 30 min. E., 42deg. 30 min. S., and the New Zealand frigate Lachlan at 166deg. E., 43deg. S.

The pluties of H.M.A.S. Vengeance are to act as a radio beacan for the aircrafts' radio-navigational equipment, to broadcast weather reports, to maintain a listening watch on the international distress frequency, and to conduct sourch and rescue operations if necessary. H.M.N.Z.S. Lachlan, at her station nearer New Zealand, will share the last two of these functions.

An additional radio-navigation aid will be provided by transmissions from Stations 3YA, 2YA and 3YZ, which remain on the air throughout Friday gight ond Saturday morning. At 15-minute intervals from 12.15 a.m. on Saturday, these stations will also broadcast weather reports for the guidance of aircroft.

At Christchurch Airport the race aircraft will finish by diving across a line between a hanger and a pylon. For the speed section it will be possible to determine the winner by a simple calculation of time, but in the handicap section a formula must be worked out for each aircraft. The Governor-General, Sir Willoughby Norrie, will be on hand to greet the crews of speed section aircraft os they arrive. With him will be Britain's Secretary for Air, Lord de L'Isle and Dudley, and the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Lord Swinton. The air race authorities expect a crowd of at least 60,000 will be at Harewood to watch the finish. Judged by the cify's response to the other centennial celebrations in 1950 the estimate may be a conservative one.

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