

listened to a most instructive talk, showing the advanced stages of helicopter application that had been reached in Belgium

Our Association is a specialist body which could and should undertake the task of educating public opinion in rotating wing matters. In that connection, the President referred to an appeal for funds which the Association intends to launch shortly, aimed more specifically at the fringes of the helicopter industry.

Mr Mensforth then formally welcomed our Guests and proposed their very good health.

Mr REGINALD MAUDLING replied on behalf of the Guests. Apologising for the fact that his Minister could not be present in person, he explained that he was that day inspecting the flood damage at Lynmouth from a B E A helicopter. He went on to outline the measures being taken by the Ministry of Civil Aviation to prepare the way for widespread helicopter operations within this country. He mentioned that these steps included the provision of a rotor station on the South Bank Site.

Mr Maudling assured us that the Government is indeed helicopter-minded and that everything possible will be done by our rulers, and more particularly by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, to encourage the rapid development of this new means of transportation. He ended on a word of warning, advising that we should not risk disappointing the public by exaggerating the probable speed of development and should avoid the error of promising to deliver too much too soon.

After the two speeches, the assembly mingled in general conversation and it was not until after 1 a.m. that the last group left.

Flight Lieutenant John G Minifie

It is with the greatest regret that we have to record the death in a flying accident on the 16th September of FLIGHT LIEUTENANT JOHN G MINIFIE, R A F, who was a Companion Member of the Association.