



A man running the 100 yards in record time travels at about 21 m.p.h., but he can do this only for a short distance. The fastest fish is the swordfish, which travels at 70 m.p.h. A racehorse can run at over 30 m.p.h., and the racing greyhound at 47 m.p.h. The fastest mammal on earth is the Cheetah which speeds up to 75 m.p.h. The little common swallow can work up a top speed of 110 m.p.h., while the giant eagle reaches 135 m.p.h. But the most fantastic bird of speed is the duck hawk, flashing through the air at 180 m.p.h., faster than the fastest motor cycle or speed boat. If you consider that these fish, birds and animals have only the power of their own bodies to propel them along, their speeds are amazing.



900 m.p.h. Giant rockets travel at over 3,000 m.p.h.

When we reach the fast mechanical transports we see that a speed boat has reached a speed of 141 m.p.h., a motor cycle roars along at 174 m.p.h., and the fastest on land is a special racing car which has touched 400 m.p.h. In the air, aircraft have travelled faster than the speed of sound, and modern fighter aircraft are reputed to have reached nearly

With the advent of atomic energy, there is no knowing where the limit of speed will end.

Yes, where will it end? Will we be able to control speed, or will it control us? Will it lead us to destruction or to a better way of life? Man alone has the answer; he alone will make or break this world in his quest for more and more speed.

And yet Puck, in Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," said: "I'll put a girdle round the earth in forty minutes." And he did, too!

Have we come so far after all?

## JUDGE HELPS ABORIGINE

*"They are Real Australians"*

A recent incident in the Sydney Quarter Sessions should prove beyond any doubt that the days are gone when every man's hand was against the aborigine, and he had no one to whom he might turn for help.

When a full-blooded aborigine, charged with breaking and entering, had said at the Quarter Sessions that his application for legal aid had been refused, Judge Berne said he would make a recommendation that the application be reconsidered.

"Here is an aboriginal in distress, and I think we should assist him," said Judge Berne.

"Obviously he will have no more chance than the man in the moon of presenting his case adequately unless he has legal assistance."

### *"Trespassers"*

The aborigine, William Frederick Solomons (32), applied for an adjournment on the ground that he was not legally represented.

"Here is a member of a race that was here long before we were. They are the real Australians. We are only trespassers here. We took their country from them," the judge said.

During the proceedings, Mr. George Amsberg, Q.C., offered to undertake Solomon's defence, but after saying that other arrangements were now in train, Judge Berne said to Solomons: "You see, every man's hand is not against you. A leading Q.C. has offered to defend you."