

Production Of Hovercraft To Commence

LONDON, Wednesday (A.A.P.).—Commercial production of a fleet of British "flying saucer" hovercraft is to start within eight weeks—according to the Evening Standard.

The newspaper said the fleet would include six different types of hovercraft capable of being used as freighters.

It quoted a spokesman for the National Research and Development Corporation, which backed the hovercraft, as saying that six British firms will be granted licences to build the machine.

About 150 companies, mostly from the Commonwealth, were interested in buying the hovercraft freighter, he added.

He said that with the hovercraft, flying was in a similar position to where the Wright Brothers had been 50 years ago. Britain was still in the lead in hovercraft de-

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