

DEC 16 1952

DATE

CAPE TIMES*He Flew In*

GROUP-CAPTAIN Patrick Foss, one of the members of the Moral Rearmament team which arrived in Cape Town at the week-end, is not visiting South Africa for the first time—but the last time he came here his arrival was much more spectacular.

On that occasion — January, 1947 — he was the pilot of a single-engined Percival Procter aircraft in which he and two companions flew from Britain to Cape Town.

They grew tired of all the delays at all the frontiers in Africa, of all the forms they had to fill in and of all the incomprehensible papers that they had to have stamped.

They discovered this was because two of their members were described as passengers. So they decided to call themselves "crew members". The one man became steward and the other navigator. No more formalities. They were simply waved on their way.

Question in the House

THE result was that they were sitting in the visitors' gallery in the House of Assembly one day, some weeks later, and heard Dr. P. J. van Nierop put a question to the Minister of Health (then Dr. Henry Gluckman)—Was the Minister aware that certain British aviators had sneaked into the country without undergoing medical examination?

Group-Captain Foss told me yesterday of the sequel. He had been invited to lecture to a group of parliamentarians in a committee room at the Assembly. Among the audience was Dr. Van Nierop, who came over to congratulate him afterwards. He told the M.P. who the British aviator of his question was and they enjoyed a laugh together over the incident.