



Photo: Bob Symons

Report From Bishop

The third in a series of aerial photos of the Bishop area, site of the 1958 Annual U.S. National Soaring Competitions, is shown above. The view is eastward across the northeast corner of Owens Valley to and beyond the White Mountains. Features of interest in this view are:

- 1) The town of Bishop, 4,020 ft.
- 2) Bishop Airport.
- 3) Owens River.
- 4) Laws, narrow-gauge railroad station.
- 5) Silver Canyon (note broad alluvial fan).
- 6) Emergency landing field.
- 7) Radio relay station, 10,500 ft.
- 8) Deep Springs, 5,200 ft.

The mountain range which bounds the Owens Valley on the east is known as the White Mountains to the north and the Inyo Mountains to the south of 7,000 ft. Westgard Pass east

of Big Pine. The crest of the White Mountains reaches a maximum elevation of 14,250 ft. on White Mountain Peak, about 20 miles northeast of Bishop. Farther north the range terminates at Boundary Peak (13,150 ft.), the highest point in Nevada. The highest peak in the Inyo Mountains is New York Butte (11,150 ft.) east of Lone Pine and about 60 miles south of Bishop.

Summer soaring conditions about these mountains are good with updrafts developing along the steep flanks on either side. Because sailplanes can soar on these upcurrents to altitudes approaching, and perhaps surpassing, 20,000 ft., oxygen equipment has been made mandatory for all participants.

In order that motel reservations or other accommodations can be made, all those who expect to attend the National Soaring Contest, especially those who are bringing their families, are urged to send in an indication of their intent as soon as possible. Special attention is being given to making this year's contest an en-

joyable vacation for the wives and children. Recreational activities planned include picnics, bus trips to the nearby Sierra, a day in the Mammoth Lakes region, and a ride on the Mammoth Mountain ski lift. Advice and information will be available to those who wish to go fishing, hiking, or horse-back riding. The Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair will be held in Bishop on the weekend of the Contest.

A daily bulletin service will be available to those who are unable to attend the contest and want to receive day-by-day accounts through the mail rather than wait for the feature story in the September-October issue of *SOARING*. This was a very popular feature of the 1957 contest and is expected to be even more so this year with adequate advance publicity. The fee is \$1.00 for first class mailing and \$1.50 for air mail service. Orders with remittance should be sent to the Bishop Chamber of Commerce, 236 N. Main St., Bishop, California, marked "For Nationals Daily Bulletin Service."