

BOVINE AVIATION

The crew of a Japanese trawler was rescued from the Sea of Japan recently, only to be arrested within a few moments of setting foot on land. The fact that their boat had sunk was not the cause for arrest, but the excuse they gave was. They claimed that they had been sailing in calm waters when a cow fell from the sky, crashed through the boat and caused it to sink in under a minute. They were later released when the crew of a Russian freight plane came forward and confessed to having thrown a stolen cow out of their aeroplane at 30,000 feet because the cow had broken loose of its restraints and started to cause havoc on board the plane. Rather than risk further damage to the aircraft, they had ejected the cow into the open sea below, assuming that no one would be any the wiser.