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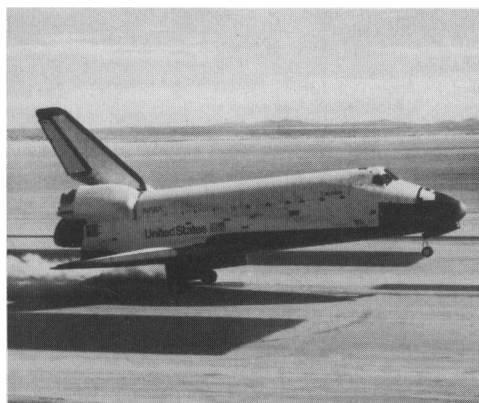
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Space shuttle orbiter Columbia making a perfect
landing at Edwards Air Force Base, California, on
14th November 1981. In this issue D. J. Shapland
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due to be launched in September 1983 when a
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