

What sort of parade was the 1955 Easter Parade --- with our National Daily Newspapers not on Parade? It seems that deserted Fleet Street was an all-time record contrast to the popular holiday spots of Britain, where, after the long months of winter weather the ~~max~~ crowds enjoyed the warmest Easter for years. Strike or no strike, most of the papers held their editorial conferences as usual and the continuity of their records was maintained ~~despite~~ ~~the non-appearance of their offices and headlines.~~ ~~At~~ At Press Association-Reuters Photos --- the news-picture service --- they were still servicing the world. And --- outside London --- it was "business as usual."

From the News Picture service --- here goes a still of the distribution of the Royal Maundy; and our newreel gives in pictorial action this charitable activity of our Sovereign that has continued for six and a half centuries. This year, the Royal Maundy was distributed from Southwark Cathedral instead of from Westminster. The change was made at the request of the Queen herself, to mark the Jubilee Celebration of the Diocese of Southwark; since Her Majesty will be unable to attend the Thanksgiving Service on May 11th.

It's nice to know that in the never-ending stream of news-pictures going out to all parts of the British Isles, the smaller news items are included, as well as the topics of world-shaking importance. As well as what goes on, the Woman's Page still wants to know what goes on women.

Which brings us to the annual Easter Parade in London's Hyde Park. This year the emphasis was on hats.

It was a nice parade --- but rather spoilt when a jealous onlooker said: "My dear -- how can she dare to wear a hat like that? She's got a face like a horse!"