

A famous name re-enters the busy marine life of Liverpool, the new Canadian Pacific Liner "Empress of Britain". From her specially-designed stream-lined funnel to her ^{air-conditioned} ~~spacious~~ public rooms ~~(which are completely air-conditioned)~~ ^{she} ~~the vessel~~ represents 26,000 tons of floating luxury. Another amenity shared by all passengers is the cinema, where the latest equipment continues a modern approach to ship construction. And here she is, leaving Liverpool on a shake-down cruise before her maiden voyage to Montreal.

The tremendous strides made in guided missile research, ~~which~~ are confirmed by these first official films of the "Snark," America's newest inter-continental weapon - being launched on a test flight far out into the Atlantic.

The pilotless giant gets a rocket-boosted take-off - then, it's "Stand Clear" as the boosters fall away - one crashing perilously near the camera.

~~The jet-propelled missile~~ ^{TOPE} ~~successfully~~ ~~attacked~~ ~~the~~ target, two thousand miles away.

In London - the National Association of Boys' Clubs Cross-Country Championships was staged at Parliament Hill Fields, ^{MARATHON HERO} ~~JIM PETERS~~ ~~started~~ ^{THE} ~~Three-Mile Senior~~ ^{WHLCH} Event attracted an entry of 150 ~~and was~~ ~~successful~~. ^{WINNER WAS} ~~Ron Iron~~, the Federation Home Counties Champion. ~~RON IRON~~

In France, the International Motocross season opened with a big event at the Montreuil Stadium.

And soon the ~~competitors~~ competitors were hitting the high spots of the hilly circuit.

On the home stretch now - and streaking downhill into first-place-honours is a Frenchman, Paul Vuillon.

Back to London for the Grand Finals of the National Ballroom Queen Contest - with film star Donald Sinden sharing the difficult task of choosing the leader in feminine beauty, grace, ⁺ ~~charm~~ [^] - coupled with dancing ability. / s

Here, the twenty-four finalists are taking their final steps in a contest that began with elimination heats, last summer.

And a London girl, Miss Doris Irvine, is crowned Ballroom Queen for 1956.