

To-day, the coach station has become the gateway to the open road: the country: the coast, ~~the~~ the continent. 150 million people travel by coach every year - ~~that shows the growing popularity of~~ *the modern motor coach with its graceful lines its luxury and its ability to go almost anywhere.*

At Croydon, sixty coach-drivers set out on an outing of their own, and *H. Pastey* Richard Hearn made sure they went <sup>off</sup> with a bang.

~~the~~ <sup>IT WAS</sup> the first stage of the Fourth ~~Exit~~ British Coach Rally - a road test to Brighton.

Most of the coaches carried passengers, and though the drivers had to maintain an average speed of 24 miles per hour, they followed <sup>the</sup> usual routine at the half-way house.

~~There are now 20,000 coaches in Britain, and the number is growing year by year.~~ They offer cheaper travel than the railways, with always the certainty of a comfortable ~~seat~~.

~~So, with a series of driving tests awaiting them, the coaches have a wonderful record of safety.~~ <sup>and other</sup> *Rally* The coaches cruised into Brighton. *(Genevieve music)*

On the seafront, fifty thousand people ~~gathered to watch~~ <sup>passed critical judgment</sup> on the latest *fashion show* in coaches.

~~There was one foreign entry.~~ <sup>it had</sup> Complete with driver and a charming hostess, ~~it~~ come from Holland to compete in the Concours d'Elegance.

Among the British entries were ~~many~~ coaches that will be taking holiday-makers on ~~extensive~~ European tours.

The Channel Crossing is made by ferry, from Dover, ~~and~~ designed for long-distance travel, <sup>These</sup> ~~the~~ coaches are the last word in <sup>comfort</sup> luxury.

Some have refreshment bars on board and tape <sup>recording</sup> ~~recorders~~ to entertain the passengers. *DOWN*

So back to the Rally, where <sup>THE TOP AWARD</sup> ~~the~~ Brighton trophy, ~~was~~ <sup>WENT</sup> to a Sheffield coach and driver.

The Rally ended with the 1958 Queen of the Coaches riding high - into the holiday season!!!