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Pathé Front Page

PARIS

First dispatch. Paris, 2 a.m. Thursday last. The fire of the year. Cost; a million pounds. 300 families made homeless. Pathé's international camera-team brings you a front seat under the world's news spotlight. One world in nine minutes.

ROME

To Rome's Ciampino airport. From troubled Yugoslavia come the bodies of five American airmen. Shot down by trigger-tensed gunners of Marshal Tito's army, the death of the five flyers brought strong American protests. Dramatic climb down by Stalin-sponsored Tito cleared the air. For how long? Nobody knows. Meantime, the dead rest in the chapel of Ciampino.

U.S.A.

From America, a new home for yet another British invention. Parachute expert Harry Brickmeyer takes off. Occasion - test for the U.S. Air Force version of the new pilot ejector. If your plane gets into trouble, throw a switch. Next thing you know you're all clear of the parachute-tearing slip stream.

Yes, it opens.

Safety Device for an age of jet propulsion and sound-chasing speeds.

ISLE OF MAN

Packed stands see the Isle of Man's famous Grand Prix race. Last one was in 1939 and the gruelling 226 mile course comes back with a new kick. Junior and lightweight machines compete. Average speeds top 60 miles an hour but the Bradden Bridge Corners keep the pace down.

1600 feet up the hillside is the Begalov Station hotel spot for spills. Here it comes now - On this same course next day, London rider Aitchison was killed.

From Governor's Corner, to the home stretch and the winner's flag. Max Champ of 1946 is Dentist Kenneth Mills of Gillingham, Kent. Speed 74 miles an hour.

EDINBURGH

Proud, historic Edinburgh with Scots pipers playing in welcome, greets delegates to the first post-war International Youth hostels Conference. Ancient castle and modern aspiring youth meet here. Their objective, international friendship.

Youth and age. Pathé records their meeting as a hopeful sign of the times.