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Stepney

This is West India House, Stepney, a £40,000 block of flats for East End families. To open it came Mr. and Mrs. Attlee. 27 years ago, the Prime Minister was Mayor of Stepney. Now, in the heart of London's Chinatown, he comes back as the local boy who made good. There are 31 flats in the new block to be rented at 13/5 and 16/6 each. It took a year to build.

From the official opening speech, this extract:

Good news, but only a drop in the ocean of wanted houses.

Prague

In Czechoslovakia this is what they do when they want to figure-skate with wheels on!

Just like the old days when the errand boy delivered the fish. This 1946 champion from Prague shows how it should be done.

With a bike and nerves, you've got yourself a new kind of Phys-Rexks.

Beaconsfield

On a visit to England at the invitation of the Labour Party is one named Dr. Kurt Schmacher, head of Germany's Social Democratic Party. Often tipped as a likely German Prime Minister, his first job in this country was to visit German war prisoners at Beaconsfield re-education centre. In his speech this man who spent 12 years in Hitler's concentration camps, appealed for the return of Germany's six million war prisoners. Pathe has urged the return of these men to their own country. The British tax-payer cannot go on financing the British zone indefinitely. This year we shall spend £80 million keeping our former enemies alive. The main hope rests on proved anti-Nazis like Dr. Schmacher.

Bridgend

Visiting the first of a new batch of special factories, is Labour Minister George Isaacs. Set up to aid disabled men, the Rempsey factories teach new jobs. Men who otherwise would be forced to remain idle are now able to work. War disabled craftsmen now work with comparative ease. Among trades taught in these factories are clock and watch repairing, carpentry and furniture-making.

This and other factories in the Rempsey group are all part of a non-profit making organisation. Their justification is the product they turn out and the courage of the men who work in them.