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GUY FAWKES WEEK

More than three hundred years ago a man was caught in the cellars of the House of Commons with enough gunpowder to blow up the heart of the British Government. That idea has occurred since to some of His Majesty's faithful subjects. But being British, they've stuck instead to the annual symbolic festival. And so this year Pathe cameras went to Rye in Sussex for the year's Bonfire Night. For the spectators, it's the best and biggest fire they've seen since last November.

The sky lit up as fireworks made it a brilliant finale to Guy Fawkes night.

In the field of international politics, Guy Fawkes' week switched the spotlight to the Syrian-Palestine border. A Pathe cameraman went to investigate world-wide rumors of Arab troop concentrations. He found Syrian soldiers on manoeuvres at El Qunaitra - a few miles from the frontier. They were equipped with many of war's latest weapons.

At the United Nations assembly, America and Russia for once agreed and supported the recommendation to partition Palestine. Britain had already stated her determination to evacuate the country as soon as possible. Arab leaders meeting at Beirut have declared that they would fight partition enforced upon them by the United Nations. The Jews, too, are reported to have mobilized a defence force. Will the Palestine story repeat the Indian tragedy? There, beyond the snow-capped Himalayas, forming a barrier to all invaders, lies Kashmir. It is the largest of the Indian states and the latest to which conflict between the two Dominions has spread. On Srinaga airfield Sikh troops prepare to repel advancing Pathan tribes, while British families are evacuated by the R.A.F. to Pakistan. Four fifths of Kashmir's population is Muslim - but the ruling class is Hindu. When tribesmen from the North West frontier invaded the state, the Maharajah joined the Indian dominion. Pandit Nehru has promised a plebiscite to determine the people's choice as soon as fighting has ceased. While India suffers from her birth-pains, Europe remembers a famous battle.

For centuries, water has been Walcheren's enemy. The islanders had to fight the sea for every acre of their soil. Three years ago to hasten the country's liberation, bombs destroyed the protective sea