

SCRAP DRIVE

"Any old iron" is a national call today and the man with the barrow plays a big part. But it isn't often the Minister of Supply, Mr. Duncan Sandys, is there to receive him. A fall in steel output would put the tin-hat on our recovery chances, so that goes into action again, too! Here the scrap is assembled by magnetic cranes which lift hundred-weights at a time. Here goes somebody's old cocker to be cooked instead of cooking!

At Gloucester, a new giant compressor joins in the drive. Just fill 'er up with anything that'll go in - the more the merrier - and then the operator sets two high-speed oil-pressure pumps going. Two tons per square inch pressure turns a mountain of scrap into a molehill weighing up to half a ton ... a nice handy package for the steelworks to convert back into the steel that Britain so badly needs.