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Princess Maria Pia of Savoy and Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia announce their engagement on the Princess's 20th birthday. At a Chateau near Geneva they pose with relatives for photographs. The Princess is the elder daughter of ex-King Umberto of Italy. A war-time pilot with the Royal Air Force, the Prince was born in Britain. The Princess and her thirty year old fiancée hope to marry in Portugal next January.

The London Casino stages a charity premiere of "This is Cinerama". Among the guests are the Lord Mayor of London and the Lady Mayoress. The Variety Club of Great Britain are presenting the show which will raise about £2,000 for sick children. In the foyer, the Mayoress of Westminster receives a bouquet before the show begins. Celebrities from stage and screen, include Anna Valentina.

Nigel Patrick and his wife Beatrice Campbell are there to see the new giant-screen spectacle, at its first showing in Europe. Cinerama-screen shapes may alter, but happily other shapes stay just the same.