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At the foot of the hill in Namur, Belgium, where the famous old castle stands, civic and church dignitaries celebrate an innovation. For centuries, visitors to the castle have had to climb hundreds of stairs - now they make the trip in comfort, in a cable-car made for two. Apart from being easier - it also gives you a magnificent view on the way up - not only of the citadel walls, but of the ancient town and the winding river below.

Well, it's an idea - but we understand Edinburgh is not planning to build escalators up the Royal Mile!

A real Hungarian wedding - and a double one at that - with the traditional gifts of bread, and salt is held just outside Paris. Both couples are dancers in the Hungarian Ballet Company, and Ingrid Bergman (right in the centre of things) is one of the many stage and screen personalities invited.

The Hungarian Ballet is performing in Paris for a season - but those Frenchmen who are lucky enough to see this wedding are getting an all-star show for nothing!

Strange history is made at the N.A.T.O. headquarters, Fontainebleau when Lieutenant-General Hans Spiedel arrives to take over command of N.A.T.O.'s Central European Land Forces. From now on, one of the men who led Hitler's blitzkrieg across Europe can give orders to his former enemies. Wearing the German Federal Republic's slate-grey uniform, with the red and gold badges of his rank, General Spiedel inspects the many-nationed staff of his new headquarters.

Spiedel walks a political tightrope - for his appointment has aroused a violent controversy throughout Western Europe, and France in particular. The French, the Belgians, the Dutch, have long memories. So, doubtless, has Spiedel. But what he is thinking today, no one can tell.
