

For light relief in days of winter gloom and political depression, we're taking you on a round-up of the world's illuminations for Christmas. Here are the decorations for Brussels in Belgium.

This is Dublin --- where the Lord Mayor did the switching on at the same time as he appealed for toys for poor children.

And this is London ---where it is also hoped that the lucky ones who have more than they need, will remember the unlucky who have far, far less. In all the big towns and cities in Britain, the big stores compete with each other to put on bigger and better shows; and this is what you get for ~~any~~ your window-shopping in London's famous Oxford Street. Among the mechanical tableaux, you'll recognise the story of the Sleeping Beauty. You're a pessimist if you say that she'd be better off if he left her asleep.

Now --- across the Channel to Paris.....where, our correspondent tells us, nearly every attraction in the gay capital has become mechanised or electrified. They wouldn't believe you if you told them it was possible to have fun in Paris, without turning on a switch.

Maintaining the craze for automation, a store in the American city of Atlanta has a snowball express.....where kiddies get a bird's eye view of a million dollars' worth of toys.

Over to New York; and this is Manhattan's famous Fifth Avenue.

At Rockefeller Plaza, a sixty-four foot Christmas Tree carries six thousand lights.

Now --- back to London --- where the High Commissioner for Australia presented to the Lord Mayor a giant Christmas Pudding; to provide two thousand helpings for the City's old people.

And --- speaking of Australia --- here in Melbourne's Albert Park is Stirling Moss getting set for the Grand Prix..... a race of eighty laps and two hundred and fifty miles, over a course that's loose and lumpy.

Britain's Peter Whitehead is No. 3

Reg. Hunt represents Australia in No. 5.

Reg. Parnell --- Britain --- No. 2.

And Stirling Moss.

Wet weather caused many skids. In the background Neal in No. 6 loses control --- but he gets out with no worse than a broken leg.

Then Stirling Moss pulls away from the field and crowns his racing year with this fine Christmas present --- a win in Australia's Grand Prix.