

Completing two months of magnificent response, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Cullum Welch, received for his Hungarian and Central European Relief Fund ~~s~~cheque from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. And at this same brief ceremony in the London Mansion House, the Lord Mayor received cheques, from ~~representatives~~ representatives of the Film Industry, which amounted to a total of seventy-eight thousand pounds; and which brought the total amount of the Fund up to the target figure of two millions. These cheques ^{TOLD} ~~show~~ more clearly than any words how generously you ~~the cinemagoers of Britain~~ ^{CINEMA GOERS HAD} answered the appeal for the stricken people of Hungary.

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TURN OVER

In Washington --- the eighty-fifth Congress of the United States opened as usual with a speech from the President; and Mr Eisenhower included in his address to the members of both Houses a special message to the leaders of the Soviet Union ¹²

At a luncheon of the Variety Club of Great Britain --- that organisation that has done so much for underprivileged children --- guests included Peter Waterman, Nicky Gargano and Terry Spinks from the boxing world; Margaret Edwards, the Olympic Swimming Bronze Medallist and June Paul, finalist in the Olympic Two Hundred Metres.

Others who received a great welcome --- and congratulations on their New Year Honours --- were Stanley Matthews and Donald Campbell

Also in London ---at Olympia --- a number of sporting types were to be seen at the National Exhibition of Cage Birds. There were over nine thousand exhibits and the judges had to pick the best in more than four hundred classes. Among the celebrities present, film star Jill Ireland was to be observed feeding a macaw whose name was also well-known in the film world; he's called Super. A couple of English sparrows said as they walked out of the show: "Of course the trouble in there is the same as UNO. It's full of foreigners."