

A warm evening of early spring in London made no hardship of the waiting for the crowds who turned out for the opening of the French Film Festival. ⁸ Martine Carol and Jean Marais were two of the many famous Continental stars who were here to be presented to the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret. ¹⁵ But first --- a word and a handshake for the French Ambassador and the Festival Organisers. ¹⁹

Two more glamorous visitors from across the ~~English~~ Channel ⁶ were Francoise Arnoul and Nicole Berger.

⁵ For the royal guests, bouquets were presented by Marie-Christine, the French Ambassador's granddaughter. ¹⁰ ~~6~~

MAYFLOWER.

A silver replica of their ship was on view to Commander Villiers, the Master and members of the crew of the new Mayflower, at a "get-together" before their voyage across the Atlantic. ⁹ And, afterwards, they were fitted out with their seventeenth-century costumes which they will wear on the voyage. ¹⁵ This striking recollection of the sailing of the old Pilgrim Fathers, will give a twentieth-century boost to Anglo-American good relations. ²² ~~7~~

QUEEN AT READING.

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, was greeted by Lord Templewood when she arrived to open the new building for the Faculty of Letters of Reading University. ⁹ Soon after the war, owing to the great increase in the number of students, it was found that the old university buildings were too small. This is the first of a number of ~~new~~ buildings which will form the new Reading University, in spacious local parkland. ²² ~~4~~

INVESTITURE.

At the latest investiture at Buckingham Palace, a young arrival was John Dennis. His honour was to show to Prince Philip his model of the royal yacht. ⁸ Among the grown-ups who attended was the famous society photographer Mr Cecil Beaton --- to receive his C.B.E. ~~X~~

¹⁶ Another was water-speed record-holder Mr Donald Campbell --- also to receive his C.B.E. ²¹ ~~2~~