

## FLIES PESTIFY QUEEN OF SOUTH

Brighton's off-season visitors are a very unwanted plague of seaweed flies. The beaches all along this part of the south coast collect seaweed in great quantities.

30 A poisonous smoke directed at the fly-covered weed was seen by Mr. <sup>Harold</sup> Macmillan, attending a demonstration as Minister for Local affairs. Such a nuisance have the flies become that the fight against them receives government attention.

45 Spraying with insecticide is another method. The insect enemy has two main forces, the flies themselves and the eggs. Through steel tubes a <sup>chemical fog</sup> ~~chemical fog~~ is pushed three or four feet under the shingle, where the flies lay eggs, out of reach of the <sup>waves,</sup> ~~sea.~~ A wartime dukw is used for spraying from the sea.

60 Dead flies by the thousand reward the gangs' daily efforts, but when destroying flies you have to think in millions <sup>at a rate of breed.</sup> - The south coast has a tremendous job on its hands. May it be completed before next holiday season.