

FLASHES!

The level-crossing at Avenhorn, Holland, goes over a novel railway - ~~perhaps the only one of its kind~~. The entire rolling-stock is a sort of trolley. Down the rails it actually goes ^{into} ~~under~~ water, and when manoeuvred beneath a barge lifts it bodily from the lake and comes back along the ~~lines~~ ^{lines} to a canal a few yards away. They couldn't make a water-cutting, as the canal's several feet higher than the lake. A lock was too expensive but the new trolley-lift does the trick and saves a long detour.

The M.C.C. left London Airport under skipper Len Hutton and Trevor Bailey, Vice-Captain. The ~~15~~ men Hutton leads against the West Indies include Lock, Laker and May. Last trip out there we were beaten. Bailey and sons say not this time. Dennis Compton should be good for a lot of runs. May M.C.C. return victorious.

Session 12 of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Council was held at the Palais Chaillot, Paris. A ~~sharp~~ warning was given ~~the delegates~~ that unless the European Defence Community Treaty is soon ratified, ~~the~~ United States ~~would~~ be compelled to make an "agonising re-appraisal" of her policies. That warning - no surprise to Mr. Eden, who'd heard of it in Bermuda - came from Mr. Foster Dulles and was no doubt well heeded by the Council.