

Motor Cycle Racing in the Isle of Man--

Sept 11th. '53.

Douglas- Isle of Man-, has an added attraction for holiday makers, ~~as~~ ^{MOTOR} cyclists taking part in the Senior Grand Prix, parade before the start of the race. And along the sea-front, (where horse-trams still run)- is the hall where the Trades Union Conference is being held.

Delegates chat with their Chairman- Mr Tom O'Brien, who, in turn, has a word with the two oldest members of his own Union (2)

Inside the hall, delegates get down to the business of the day, and when the speeches and discussions are over, it's refreshing to take a stroll by the sea. In this group- we see Sir Will Lawther, ^{PRESIDENT OF THE MINeworkERS UNION}

Now back to the Motor Cycling -- and preparations for the start of the Manx Senior Grand Prix.

All ready, and they're away at 15 second intervals.

Here ^{comes} Boyce on his A.J.S., as one by one, they flash by in an effort to gain that early lead.

The race develops into a struggle between ~~Bob~~, Bob Keeler- on a Norton (No 3) and Denis Parkinson- also on a Norton. The ~~twisting~~ twisting course consists of six laps totalling 226 gruelling miles.

Here's another Norton, driven by A.M. Phillip, and a B.S.A. (No 5) ridden by Haldane.

At one stage, Keeler shot into a 15 second lead from Parkinson, but he did not retain it-- the duel lasting to the end- with Parkinson coming in the ~~winner~~ winner at record speed.

He's the first man to lap at over 90 m.p.h., in spite of being told he was too old for motor cycle racing at 38!

~~Overall time for the race - 2 hours, 51 minutes, 20 seconds~~

~~Well done - Denis Parkinson~~