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News Highlights

Our round-up of the world's news, presenting the pictures behind the headlines, begins in Italy, where armoured units should be suited to Aintree - they take every obstacle in their stride.

From cross-country to tropping, in Toronto, where the heaviest snowfall for three years couldn't bog down this popular sport. One frozen punter termed it - " a dash for cold cash".

Meanwhile, on the Continent, the bob sled season is in full swing. This is one way of going to town for an evening's enjoyment; but there's no EASY return.

They're speed-crazy in Sweden, too. On frozen Lake Runn, a midget car, fitted with special tyre-grips, tops the existing record with a speed of 103 miles per hour.

And they've got their skates on in Holland for the annual eleven-town Marathon. Run over 125 miles OF FROZEN CANALS.

In Paris, you can often see an old chap sliding on thin ice, and if those French ducks are all as fast as this - you can't blame them.

As for the seals, well. Like a suburban housewife, an ice-box is their idea of heaven.

Over to Tokyo, where the "Land of the Rising Sun" bows to a twinkling star. It's Marilyn Monroe and her husband, Joe Di Maggio on their honeymoon.

and if we figure this good-will correctly, we'd better send Miss Great Britain to Berlin.

In Karachi, the Aga Khan arrived for his platinum Jubilee celebrations. For seventy years, the Prince had been the spiritual leader of his people, so they weighed him against platinum. A symbolic ceremony that was watched by leading citizens of Pakistan and over two thousand Ismaili visitors.

Back to Littleton-on-Severn, where salvage operations have saved the Britannia Prototype airliner - which crash-landed on the mud-flats. The starboard engines were hauled clear by a Churchill tank. MEANWHILE, at Downing Street, Sir Winston welcomed Mr St. Laurent, the Canadian Premier, to London, on the first stage of his world tour.

And from snow-bound Sandringham, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, in the Charge of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, arrived at Wolferton Station - for their return to London.