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Malaya

3 Malaya: Birthday ceremonial in Kuala Lumpur - the Malay Regiment celebrating its 21st anniversary with a coming-of-age parade. Detachments from all seven battalions were inspected by General Templar, the High Commissioner.

The Regiment - now seven thousand strong, saw outstanding service in World War II - and has since killed or captured over five hundred Terrorists.

Cold-Bar suits

4 America: First public demonstration of the U.S. Army's defence against a cold war. ^{yes.} combinations of elastic foam-like material - worn under normal battle-dress.

Watched by official observers, "the rubbery coms" ~~took~~ ^{GET A} thorough test - a ducking in ice-cold water.

Insulated by these "cold-bar suits" (their official name) the body retains its natural heat - even in arctic conditions.

San Remo Carnival

Italy: Floats and flowers parade through San Remo, on the Riviera Coast, fragrant heralds of the season of Lent.

5 Every year, this pre-Lenten Carnival chases away the last signs of winter with blooms gathered along this favoured playground.

The Procession, with the traditional battle of flowers - lasted over two hours and is called "The Festival of a million blooms".

Dutch Fire

1 Holland - Storage petrol tanks at a Dutch Oil Refinery, near Rotterdam, go up in flames, following a series of explosions... Foam-equipment was brought specially from Britain, to help control this disastrous outbreak. More than a quarter of a million gallons of petrol were lost - The cause of the fire is still unknown.