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Chataway wins

South Africa: At the Johannesburg Harriers Golden Jubilee Track Meeting, the guest competitor in the Three Miles Event was Chris Chataway, Britain's record-holder. He got away last in the field of nine.

After the first half-mile, Chataway had moved up into second place behind John Roberts, the South African champion.

Near the Two Mile Mark, Chris sprints ahead - to set up a long lead. The last lap, and time to glance back. (like all sporting visitors) Chataway felt the effect of the 6,000 feet altitude but he went on to win by twenty yards.

Congratulations for Chris Chataway - who has since won in Cape Town and Durban.

Polio Boy

London Airport: Exchanging his crutches for the thrill of air travel, 14-year old POLIO VICTIM Peter Wickham of Brighton is about to make his first flight. During a recent radio programme, Peter expressed his desire to learn to fly. He then met Sir Miles Thomas, the B.O.A.C. Chief - and this is the result - his first lesson in the air.

Naturally, one of Peter's heroes is that famous legless pilot, Douglas Bader, who has amply proved that through faith, you can indeed "reach for the sky".

Shah of Persia

America: Holidaymaking in sunny Florida, the Shah of Persia tries his hand at water-ski-ing and proves himself an accomplished sportsman. Queen Soraya, too, enjoys the thrill of this graceful past-time - making a lovely, if somewhat unusual picture, of a Queen on holiday.

The chief snag in water-ski-ing is when you've had enough - and that's the time when even a Monarch looks out of his depth.