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Famous streets in ~~the capital of Western Germany~~ were gaily decked out with flags, when film stars and other cinema personalities from all over the world gathered for the Berlin Film Festival.

In his dual capacity of President of the British Film Producers' Association and Managing Director of the Rank Organisation Mr John Davis, (with Mrs Davis,) received a gay little token of the occasion.

As far as the stars were concerned, there was a reminder for Belinda Lee and Brenda de Banzie that this city is one of the frontiers of the two worlds of east and west. And there was a glimpse backwards into pre-war history when Norman Wisdom went to have a look at the ruins of the Reichstag. ~~But, as usual, he managed to get himself into trouble with the authorities. ~~his if he knew who started the tanks fire and Norman set~~~~

There was an open-air audience of twenty thousand people on the occasion of the International Star Parade. Among those who took a bow were James Robertson Justice; and a welcome visitor from America in the person of the irrepressible Bob Hope. Combining feminine charm with plenty of sing was pretty Muriel Pavlow.

On the following night the stars attended the International Ball, and our camera spotted Norman dancing with his new leading lady, Maureen Swanson.

And now our news story takes us east of Berlin --- to Moscow; to the streets of the capital of the Soviet Union where the chief topic of conversation has been the visit of the fashion show from Britain. For several weeks, this parade of British ~~styish~~ designs has been seen by audiences of two thousand, twice daily; in a giant pavilion specially built in the Gorki Park. ~~Naturally~~ the audiences were mostly women ----- who, on one occasion, ~~the audiences have been mostly women, and there's still hope~~ included the wives of Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev. ~~for world peace if they~~ ~~plunge into war into plunging headlines~~

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The British girls, sent over by the London Fashion Group, ~~an enthusiastic~~ had ~~a xxmx~~ reception from the ladies of Russia, who had greatly admired everything they were shown.

In addition to the parade, there was a display of the latest clothes and accessories.

Also on view in Moscow was the new Comet, which had flown the British Air Minister to Russia for the Soviet Air Display. Among the technicians who saw it was a famous Russian designer.

This was followed by a reception for foreign guests held by the Soviet Defence Ministry Marshal Zhukov. Premier Bulganin was one of the Russian leaders who toasted the visitors.....and he afterwards took Britain's Air Minister, Mr Nigel Birch, for a row on the lake.