

Bank Holiday week-end. A mid-summer's dream. A place in the sun. A deep rich tan. ^{ANIGHT-} ~~sun.~~ wake-up. It's Southend-on-sea. There's no sun - but everyone's browned off!

Talk about the Sunny South. Why, even the bathers had to take their umbrellas - or get soaking wet.

What's it to be? A slow boat to Canvey Island or a fast tram....^{yes,} any old pierhead in a storm.

~~and here we are,~~ Just in time to confirm what the weather experts ^{THOSE BAA-WEATHER REPORTS-} forecast. ^{FOR INSTANCE "ICE IN MANY PLACES."} ~~(Suggest a B.B.C. Voice) a depression centred over Southern~~

~~ENGLAND. ICE AND HAIL IN FOUNTAIN WELLS?~~
All right - do you want to make us all cry?
~~AND TO ALL THOSE WHO TOOK THE QUICKEST WAY HOME,~~

~~WE DEDICATE THIS HIGH-SPEED RETURN TRIP ALONG SOUTHERN PIER~~

~~Hey Bill, when's the next train for~~ ~~ME?~~ ^{CURE}

~~back at home!~~
Of course, you can go to Southend Airport, and watch the wise holiday-makers bridge the Channel, for a Continental tour. There the rain is just as wet, but it costs more to watch it!

~~wind...~~
All aboard - to ^{TRY AND} catch up with the sun!
A perfect take-off, too, at Cranfield ~~Airport~~, Bedfordshire, where the 1956 World Model Power Championships wiped away some of the gloom for model aeroplane enthusiasts.

The planes competing are all built to international specifications - and the judging is on duration of flight....though some, (like the rain), kept coming down!

Altogether, there were entries from sixteen countries - among them, Canada, Germany, the United States, and Ireland.

Even vertical take-offs present no ~~fix~~ difficulties to these "ground pilots". In the contest, Britain retained her team and individual championships - won in Germany, last year..