

American parades

California: An American version of our "cup-tie fever" - the "Tournament of Roses" brings a parade of floral beauty to Pasadena. The traditional prelude to a Rose Bowl Football Classic - the horse-drawn fire-float is there - just in case the game sets the town alight!

In Florida ^{men's} another big-match curtain-raiser "The Orange Festival" ~~holds~~ ~~the stage~~. - And with all those Southern beauties floating by - it's enough to make the fans late for the kick-off...

Cathedral Fire

The American scene also brings news of tragedy. - This is St. Joseph's Cathedral, at Hartford, Connecticut - ~~which has been~~ completely destroyed by a disastrous fire.

Despite the efforts of hundreds of firefighters, flames and smoke engulfed the building.

^{was} This [^] The second church fire in Hartford, in thirty two hours. The authorities suspect arson - in this tragic loss of an historic cathedral.

Venezuela Dam

Venezuela: More news of social development in this progressive South American republic ~~with~~ with the dedication of the huge Guarico dam and irrigation scheme by President Jiménez.

The new nine-mile dam (costing sixty-five million dollars) creates a man-made lake which, by flooding irrigation channels, will transform an arid prairie into a farming paradise. A major social project, financed by the country's oil and iron ore revenues.

Hungarian Refugees

America: In the early light of dawn, the Statue ~~and~~ of Liberty and New York's skyline offer a symbolic welcome to over seventeen hundred Hungarian refugees - the first to arrive in the United States. And the Matusek family began a year of hope with a new baby - born in the New World... /s