

MEN IN THE NEWS

Jean Sibelius, one of the world's greatest composers has just celebrated his eightieth birthday. In these exclusive pictures, taken at his home in Finland, Pathe Gazette pays tribute to a great genius in the immortality of his music.

The death of Lord Lang of Lambeth, former Archbishop of Canterbury robs the Church of England of one of its best leaders. The coronation of King George the sixth was the most memorable of Archbishop Lang's public ceremonies, recalled in this historic Westminster Abbey picture.

Kindly, approachable and sympathetic, Lord Lang will long be remembered with affection. The custom of making Christmas gifts of coal to the old people of Windsor, suspended during the war, has been revived by the King. One hundred weight each - and as welcome a gift these days as anything you can think of - except maybe a controlled-price turkey.

Government and Opposition leaders gather at Westminster for Parliaments' toughest fight since the General Election. Mr. Dalton, carrying good news about the American Loan, arrived early; so did Sir Ben Smith, Minister of Food and the Prime Minister. Attention focussed on the challenger, leading speaker in the all out Conservative attack on the Government. High spot in dramatic exchanges across the floor of the House of Commons was a bitter duel between Mr. Churchill and Labour's President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps. Verbal honours broke even, but the Tory motion was defeated by 381 votes to 197.

Homeward bound, Moscow Dynamo took a last look at England - or what little they could see of it in the December mist. Captain Semichastny and his men go back with the satisfaction of having shown Football's native land that foreigners can play the game and play it more than well. Seeing them off was the Soviet Ambassador Mr. Gussev. They seemed to be taking a good deal of baggage home with them - probably the gifts they got in return for all these bunches of flowers.

Received everywhere with enthusiasm, the Moscow Dynamo team will, we hope, be the first of many to visit us in the future. As they go away into a London Fog we invite a follower of Cardiff City, Dynamo's ten-one victims; to say a few words of fond farewell; "Come again soon; I never want to see you again."