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WORLD AT YOUR KNEE

London

Yes sir, there's my babies. At London's Zoo, Pathe reports on a boom in the Baby Business. Ten lion cubs have been born there this year - an all-time record. Mother is "Beta", presented to the Zoo by Mr. Churchill. Zoo mothers have their problems too: and to take the children off their heads a Day Nursery has been opened. Great fun for the younger visitors - a great weight off mother's mind.

The cubs are as friendly as kittens but, well - you know what mothers are.

Belgian Congo

With unrest brewing elsewhere among Colonial possessions overseas, the tour of the Belgian Congo by the Regent, Prince Charles, is the latest sign of Europe's determination to secure her frontier - beyond the sea.

At Paulis, in Stanleyville, Prince Charles was presented with gifts by local chiefs. In scenes vividly recalling our own Royal Family's Tour of the native African states, he was met everywhere with similar demonstrations of loyalty.

Hamboetus tribesmen sent their best exponents of ritual Congo dances to entertain the visiting Prince. Though the dances have lost the meaning of their primitive command to battle, the spectacle retains its old barbaric splendour.

Fitting still closer into the perspective of world politics, the Regent's tour enabled General Sauts, to reaffirm the close ties between South Africa and the Congo.