

Acres of ripening rice are underwater - a major blow to Japan's already limited food supply. In the country's worst disaster since Hiroshima, two hundred thousand people have been made homeless. For the camera, it was quite a task to find the lighter side of a world at peace.

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It may be that cards-on-the-table diplomacy would make the greatest contribution to International understanding. But it was not a week of all problems and no play. Cameramen found two lighter interludes in Britain. In Ashton-under-Lyne fifty thousand citizens celebrate the centenary of the Borough. Highlight of the day's events was a mile long procession through the streets.

Beauty Queen competitors rode through the town on decorated floats. For the people of this ancient Lancashire borough, it was a day of gaiety.

With its collieries and great weaving factories, Ashton-under-Lyne is today an important centre in the Battle for Economic Survival. The centenary celebrations recalled one hundred years of progress. Second bright spot for the cameras was the Daily Express Film Ball at London's Albert Hall. A fashion parade started a night of dancing for stars and their fans.

All the models on show are a preview of film fashions in forthcoming British productions.

Perhaps in the wake of Sir Stafford Cripps, the Battle of the Hemline discreetly forgotten. All British designed, these fashions will soon be shown all over the world to stimulate the export drive. Once the floor was cleared, it was the turn of the dancers.

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"I am not going into any detail about the most offensive reference to Mr. Churchill, in which he compared him with Hitler. Mr. Churchill is, of course, a political opponent of mine, I have often disagreed with him, and I pray that he may be spared for many years, that in my modesty I may further disagree with him.

But the Assembly will permit me to say that Mr. Winston Churchill's record against fascism is better than the record of any Communist I know in any country in that fight."

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"We harbour no hostility to Russia or to any nation. Our designs are plain, our doors are open. Our Press, our people and our Parliaments are free, and I repeat that for these purposes the United Nations is at once the main spring and the finest instrument of our purposes. We have nothing to hide, we are willing to co-operate, to try to secure that objective to which I have just alluded."